

McNamara named to committee

By PETE DAVIS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the first meeting of the presidential search committee held yesterday, a late change to its makeup took place last Friday. Loyola removed SGA President Kelly Crossett from the committee and replaced her with current junior John McNamara.

"[Dr. Susan Donovan] made me aware that Kelly had been removed and she gave me the opportunity to fill that spot," McNamara said.

McNamara picked up reading materials and information about to the committee on Monday morning before its first meeting.

"While I wish the circumstances in my appointment were better, it's nonetheless an honor to be given the opportunity to represent the student body on a committee such as this," he said.

The only student representative, McNamara believes his role will be to find candidates that best represent student issues and will be an advocate for students.

McNamara currently serves as the SGA's speaker of the assembly and is a member of the Loyola swimming and diving team.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Junior Charlie Bell drives past Iona sophomore Justin Marshall on his way to making a shot at Saturday's game in Reitz Arena. The Hounds went on to win by nine points, extending their winning streak to three games, the longest since the 1998-1999 season. The game was televised on MSG-TV and attracted a crowd of over 2,800 fans.

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Housing selection set to start online

By CHELSEA HADDAWAY
NEWS EDITOR

Starting this year, Student Life will be using the StarRez system as a way for students to complete the housing selection process online, streamlining the process and eliminating the paperwork needed when selecting it manually.

"We're really excited, and we're doing this really to improve the process," Associate Director of Student Life Sarah Mansfield said.

She described the decision to go online as part of a natural progression within Student Life. Registration and payments can be done online, so the next step was putting housing online.

"We've been thinking about this for a while," Mansfield said. "We're just trying to make it easier, less anxiety producing."

"If you can make it online obviously that'll make it easier. I definitely think that the process will be easier because you don't have to sit around for like five hours. In that sense it'll be less stressful," said sophomore Colleen Owen.

The system will get its first test when rising seniors register on March 2. Students will still be required to go to Upper Primo's to complete their housing selection, where Student Life will be available to assist students with any problems that may arise.

"This year we're going to walk students through it. The process will be streamlined, so hopefully it'll be quicker," Mansfield said.

In case the RoomRez system fails, Student Life will also have the traditional paper method of registering for housing in place, so that housing selection isn't interrupted; however, they don't expect their to be any major problems during the trial use of the new program.

"We'll have stuff in place in case we have to deal with problems," Mansfield said. "We'll have the staff available to address them, and if not we'll have another system in place."

This semester's use of the system will serve as a test, with all of the classes using to learn the software and testing out its ability to handle the amount of traffic that housing selection entails.

If everything goes as planned, students will be able to make their housing selections from computers in their dorm rooms starting next year.

"The only benefit to doing it in person is that there's someone there that you can talk to. If I had done it online for the first time last year, I wouldn't have known what to do," Owen said. Her room was one of the last to go through housing selection, and they had to switch from a six-person to a

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Cafe serves Sellinger students

By KRISTEN BOYLE
STAFF WRITER

Cafe a la Cart has opened in the Sellinger Atrium and now offers students a convenient selection of snacks and drinks.

Open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, the cart is already attracting caffeine-deprived students between classes with a variety of fresh coffee brewed by Rhonda Thompson, who is in charge of the cart.

The cart also offers hot chocolate, tea, water, Gatorade and an assortment of sodas as well as salads, wraps, fruits, veggies and bakery items.

But why open a cafe in Sellinger when the Student Center is so close to Salsa Rico, Surf 'n Joe's and Boulder?

"Our intention was to create another service for the campus," said Dean Wuerfl, general manager of Dining Services for Sodexo. "We wanted to facilitate the lunch crowd. People weren't going to

Boulder because it was too crowded, and with Café a La Cart, we're able to handle everyone, especially since it's centrally located to help those people on the academic side of campus."

Like Boulder Garden Cafe, the Cafe a la Cart will remain closed during the weekends, but Surf 'n Joe's and Salsa Rico will continue to be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.

Thompson is already getting positive feedback from her customers.

"A few people said they weren't going to Primo's or Boulder as long as I'm here; it made me feel so good," she said.

According to Thompson, there has been a combination of students and professors who frequent the cart between classes, buying everything from pre-made wraps and chips to juice and bottled water.

"It's easier, more convenient, and it's on the meal plan," said freshman Patrick Daly, a business major who forwent the vending machine to grab a bottle of water at the cart.

Freshman Minnie Miller said she doesn't have to travel more than

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ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Sophomore Scott Wright purchases a drink from Rhonda Thompson at the new food cart in Sellinger before class.

Interviews to remain

By MAUREEN DUFFY
COPY STAFF

On Feb. 8, the Academic Senate continued discussion of the proposed changes to the college's Rank and Tenure Policy statement. Faculty member Fred Derrick represented the Ad Hoc Rank and Tenure Committee at last Tuesday's session as several key issues were debated.

A motion was passed for consideration of a proposed change to the RTPS concerning written minutes of the Board on Rank and Tenure interviews with potential candidates. The main topic of discussion was the method of recording that took place during the interview. The original statement proposed that there would be written minutes of each interview.

Many members of the Senate agreed that the interviews should be recorded word-for-word or not

at all. Paraphrasing the interviews could cause "fights between the board, the board and the candidate," if they disagree on the minutes, said faculty member Diane Chaffee-Sorace. She considered the possibility that in the worst-case scenario, paraphrasing these interviews could potentially leave them open to misinterpretation. "The only fair thing to do is to tape the interviews and copy them verbatim into written records," she said.

LOYOLA CONFERENCE

Today the Loyola Conference will discuss the February draft of the college's Periodic Review Report.

The Senate addressed the idea of conducting the interview strictly on paper, in which the board and candidate exchange questions and responses solely in writing.

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Israeli, Palestinian leaders vow to end violence

BY SORAYA SARHADDI NELSON AND MICHAEL MATZA
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

SHARMEL SHEIK, Egypt -- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas pledged Tuesday to end four years of fighting between their peoples and promised to meet again to resolve outstanding issues that have brought Israelis and Palestinians into conflict repeatedly.

The sweeping declarations by each leader to end attacks fell short of a formal truce, and the summit at this Red Sea resort produced no joint statement or signed document. Still the two said their pledges offered Israelis and Palestinians a real chance at peace and the fact that they met at all opened the possibility -- however remote or difficult -- that serious negotiations could follow.

"We must not let the new spirit, which grants our peoples hope, pass us by and leave us empty-handed," Sharon said in his closing statement.

Said Abbas: "This is a new opportunity for peace. Let's pledge to protect it."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, speaking in Paris, said success in the peace effort wasn't assured but that the United States would support it. "This is the best chance for peace that we're likely to see for some years to come; and we are acting to help Israelis and Palestinians seize this chance," she said. "President Bush is committed. I am personally committed. We must all be committed to seizing this chance."

The two leaders' pledges to halt attacks were explicit.

"We have agreed on halting all violent actions against Palestinians and Israelis wherever they are," Abbas said.

Sharon made a similar pledge, agreeing to "cease all its military activity against all Palestinians everywhere," easing his government's long-standing demand that a Palestinian cease-fire precede a halt in Israeli

military action.

Sharon invited Abbas to visit him at his ranch in southern Israel, and the Palestinian leader accepted. That meeting between the leaders could be followed with one in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Despite the promise of peace, a somber atmosphere pervaded the meeting, at which the two leaders read their closing statements

bound by the leaders' mutual pledges.

The first reported violation of Abbas' peace pledge came after nightfall, when Palestinians shot at a car near a Jewish settlement on the West Bank and threw firebombs at soldiers who came to investigate. No one was injured in the attack, for which the al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant offshoot of Abbas'

and consolidate the commitment to the cease-fire and to the full implementation of the steps leading to peace," he said. He was vague about what the Palestinian Authority would do if the militant groups didn't cooperate.

The prospect of failure appeared to weigh heavily on the leaders at the conclusion of Tuesday's summit, which included the host, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and Jordan's King Abdullah II.

Besides the pledges to end the fighting, Sharon and Abbas discussed the handover of five West Bank cities to Palestinian control within the next three weeks, members of their delegation said. Both also reaffirmed their commitment to Sharon's plan to withdraw Israeli soldiers and 7,500 Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip beginning this summer.

But they remained divided on key issues such as resuming formal peace talks, the release of more Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails, the construction of Israel's controversial separation barrier in the West Bank and the ban on Palestinians traveling to Jerusalem, Abbas said after their meeting.

"We must move forward, cautiously," said Sharon, who failed to persuade Abbas to disarm and disband Palestinian militant groups. "Only actions and not words, this is the only way to attain the vision of two states living side-by-side in peace and tranquility."

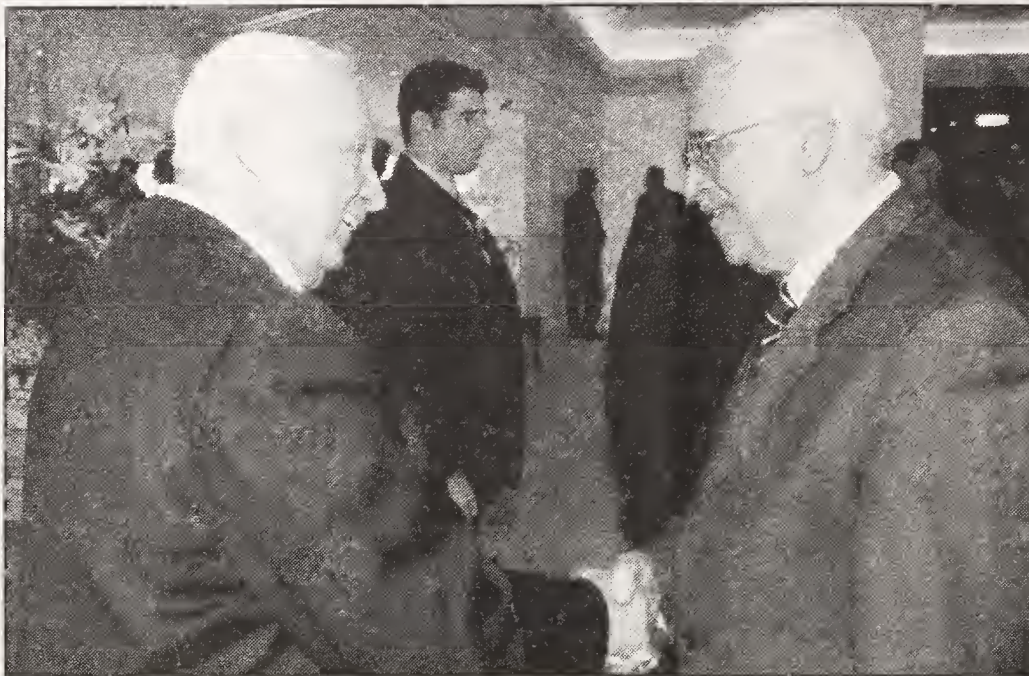
The tentative results of the summit didn't surprise observers.

"In a fragile situation like this you can't hope for more," said Abdel Moneim Said, the director of the al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo. "It could be a beginning and it could be a false hope."

The outcome will depend on how quickly both sides can move toward linking subsequent steps to the U.S.-sponsored "road map," a path to formal peace talks, he added.

Sharon spokesman Raanan Gissin defended the caution with which Israel is proceeding.

"Every long and difficult journey starts with a first small step," he said. "Perhaps, on reflection, the problem with previous summits is that we tried to achieve some comprehensive peace right away. This time we are taking a more modest and realistic approach."



AVI OHAYON/FLASH 90

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (left) shakes hands with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas before their meeting at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, February 8, 2005.

without expression. Not participating in the summit but important players in any possible peace were the Islamic militant groups -- including Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades -- that are principally responsible for the many attacks on Israelis over the past four years, and over which Abbas has little control.

Israel said it would abide by its commitments to halt military action against Palestinians only if all attacks against Israelis ceased.

Even before Sharon and Abbas left the conference hall for their separate, hour-long flights home, Hamas declared that it wasn't

Fatah political movement, claimed responsibility.

"This summit didn't meet the aspirations of our people," said Sami Abu Zohri, a Hamas spokesman.

Palestinian officials said Abbas soon would fly to Damascus, Syria, to meet with expatriate leaders of the militant groups to gain their cooperation in ending attacks on Israel.

An earlier round of negotiations in the Gaza Strip led by Abbas has resulted in a sharp reduction in Palestinian attacks on Israel in recent weeks. Abbas also has deployed Palestinian police in the Gaza Strip in an effort to halt attacks.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said Abbas would use the gestures Israel made Tuesday to try to formalize the arrangement with militant groups. Shaath said Israel would release 500 Palestinian prisoners immediately, with another 400 to be released later.

"We will involve our Palestinian brothers

Sophomores declare majors

The first Sophomore Declaration Celebration Dinner will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in McGuire Hall.

Speaking at the dinner will be Loyola alumnus and board of trustees member Robert Kelly, who graduated from Loyola in 1994, and is now the assistant dean of students at the University of Vermont. Kelly will be speaking on the uniqueness of a Jesuit education and emphasizing that choosing a major is the first step to choosing a path in life.

The goal of the dinner is to build stronger relationships between students and faculty members in their major. Because so many go abroad in their junior year, professors in a student's major only really get to build a relationship with them in their senior year.

"Students will sit with a faculty member and students from their major and get to know each other informally before starting classes for their major," said Sara Scalzo, assistant director of leadership and new student programs.

The last day to RSVP for the dinner is Wednesday, Feb. 16, and Scalzo said they are hoping to get around 150 students and 50 faculty members.

"This is a chance for them to come in and have a nice dinner and meet faculty and other students from across campus, and it's exciting to be able to say you were part of a first time event," Scalzo said.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

At Saturday's basketball game against Iona, Assistant Athletic Director Marty Kelly announced that freshman Dylan O'Shea won a raffle for free books for the rest of his college career.

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Selected excerpts from reports

Sunday, Feb. 6

On the above date, this officer was dispatched to Newman Towers for a sick person call. The officer was approached by a resident who explained that her friend was carried home by two friends from a party at Johns Hopkins University. They were concerned about her because she was having difficulty breathing, vomiting and complaining about being very hot. She also had red bumps appearing on her chest, arms, eyelids and back. It was suspected that someone put something in her drink. She was transported to the hospital.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Campus police responded to Newman Towers for a report of a suspicious person. The complainant reported that a male was walking in circles and talking to himself in the lobby of Newman East. He got on the elevator with the complainant and then asked her to let him off on the eighth floor. Officers checked Newman Towers East, West, Primo's and the basement but were unable to locate the suspicious person.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Campus police responded to Primo's, where they were informed that a student had been observed attempting to leave the restaurant with a sleeve full of Solo cups. The Primo's employee stated that the student was very uncooperative as he was attempting to get his ID. The student became very belligerent, and campus police were called. When the officers arrived, the student was still very uncooperative, stating, "My tuition will pay for the cups." Campus police called the GRC.

Committee pushes vaccines

By MARY BETH ELLIS
STAFF WRITER

The health center, in conjunction with the Student Health Advisory Committee, is starting a campaign for students to complete their Hepatitis B vaccinations.

The campaign is in response to the health center's college senior exit survey, where many seniors replied that they did not complete the series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations or didn't know if they had.

"College students, mainly seniors, were the age group missed in pediatric vaccinations," said Jeanne Lombardi of Health Services.

Hepatitis B, or HBV, is a chronic and contagious disease caused by a virus that affects the liver and can lead to liver cancer, liver failure, cirrhosis of the liver and death.

Symptoms of hepatitis B can

resemble the flu and may include fever, loss of appetite, low energy, joint pain, cramping or nausea and vomiting, as well as jaundice (yellow skin or eyes). However, in about 50 percent of cases, hepatitis B causes no symptoms.

The American College Health Association (ACHA), a non-profit

student health advisory board based in Baltimore, recommends that all college students be vaccinated. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recommends that all student athletes be vaccinated.

"College students are put at risk for Hepatitis B, and

it is a concern because the disease is completely preventable," said Kelli Richardson of the Student Health Advisory Committee.

College students are among those most susceptible to HBV through the spread of blood or body fluids.

"Common activities such as contact sports, living in close quarters, travel abroad programs, piercings or tattoos, sexual

contact and any sharing of razors or needles can spread the disease," Richardson said.

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, it is estimated that each year 80,000 people, mostly young adults, are infected with HBV.

The vaccinations for Hepatitis B are the first anti-cancer vaccinations. They come in a series of three shots over six months and are believed by medical experts to be highly effective and safe.

The Hepatitis B vaccine is recommended by the American College Health Association to stop a preventable disease for which all college students should be vaccinated.

Jeanne Lombardi states that many health care agencies require their employees to have the three series immunization; therefore, this campaign targets health science majors.

The health center is working with drug companies to significantly reduce the cost of the vaccine for students. Evergreen cards are accepted as payment for the vaccinations. According to Lombardi, the health center will work with students if cost is an issue.

"I think we'll have a fairly good turnout because students have become more conscientious about their vaccine records and health care," Lombardi said.

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**— Kelli Richardson
of the Student Health
Advisory Committee**



LORI MAGDA/GREYHOUND

A student contemplates his next move at Sunday's Monopoly tournament. David Opitz, the winner of the tournament, received the special edition Monopoly board used by the finalists and a \$40 gift certificate to Towson Town Center.

Problems not expected

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four-person room.

"Doing it online is not going to fix that problem," she said.

In a process similar to registration, students will be given a random time for their housing selection rather than a lottery number.

They will then be able to log in from their computers in their room to select their housing and their roommates. Their roommates will have until later that night to confirm that they are going to room with the person who requested them as their roommate.

"We can't eliminate the

possibility of students not getting their first choice apartment, but we'll try to make this as easy as possible," Mansfield said.

Student Life has been working to bring online housing selection to campus for almost two years now and has looked at a variety of systems.

The StarRez system is widely used in Australia and New Zealand and is becoming more popular in colleges across the United States.

Student Life has sent out booklets describing the new process and has put information about the system online.



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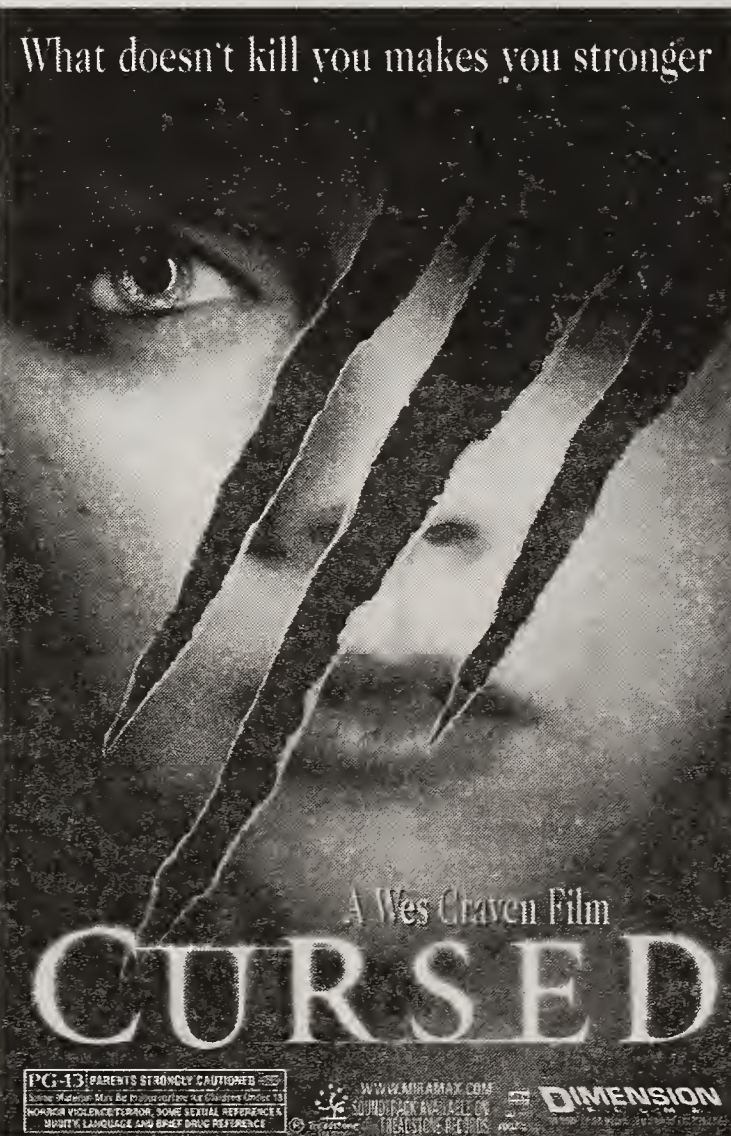
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The cart will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and serves coffee as well as some light food.

Cart gives new option

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10 feet from her class in Sellinger in order to get her coffee.

"I actually like the coffee better here, and it's in a great location," she said.

With an estimated 400-600 faculty and students entering Sellinger every

hour, dining services anticipates that Cafe a la Cart should have no problem getting business during

school hours.

"There's a convenience factor for students, being able to grab something quickly in between their classes, and we've had great feedback on it so far," Wuerfl said.

But the best part about Cafe a la Cart?

According to students, it's the coffee card where buying nine cups of coffee will get you a free one.

"There's a convenience factor for students, being able to grab something quickly in between their classes."

— Dean Wuerfl, general manager of Dining Services for Sodexo

Associate status to combine with tenure review in June

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However, as several members pointed out, important questions and information are exchanged, and interviewing candidates face-to-face establishes more familiarity between the board and the candidate.

A decision was reached that all interviews will be electronically recorded, but a decision on making a written transcription of the interview was not included in the change.

Also in discussion was the issue of awarding tenure and linking it with promotion to associate professor. The last change to this part in November 2004 proposed that the necessary criteria of tenure be identical to that of promotion to associate professor. The policy currently has a higher standard of criteria to become an associate professor than tenured. Derrick explained, referring to the rationale provided on the RTPS, that candidates should not be tenured that cannot make associate ranking.

A suggested change to the document specified that the criteria of tenure and promotion would be the same only to faculty employed after June 2005. This date was set "as not to penalize anyone who came in here under a

different expectation," Derrick said. Current faculty members could still be given the option of applying just for tenure without applying for an associate position. After lengthy discussion, the Senate decided to send back the proposed changes about tenure to the committee to be re-worded.

A discussion on the date change of faculty salary was last on the

Senate's agenda, with faculty member Michael Franz representing the Budget Committee. Time constraints forced the discussion to be cut short. The Senate made and passed a motion to extend the meeting an extra five minutes, as Tuesday's session was one of the last opportunities to discuss proposed changes to the RTPS.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Loyola lacrosse players Carie West and Courtney Arnold show a local Girl Scout troop around the locker room of the women's soccer team as part of National Women in Sports Day. The event took place nationally on Feb. 9, but Loyola celebrated last Sunday by inviting local girls to participate in a scavenger hunt, talk to athletes and go to a women's basketball game.

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Basketball rejuvenation

As the NFL season concluded with the Patriots winning their third Super Bowl in four years, the sports scene enters what many consider its slowest point of the year. Pitchers and catchers have not reported to spring training, the NHL season will likely be cancelled soon and people are eagerly awaiting the beginning of March Madness. During the past few years, this has been a particularly tough stretch for Loyola sports fans with the struggles that the men's basketball team has endured. However, this year, Loyola basketball is generating excitement, not just on this campus, but also in the Baltimore community.

Right before the start of this season, this space recognized the commitment that the college -- and specifically the athletic department -- made to change the environment and culture surrounding the men's basketball program. This editorial board also acknowledged that in order to truly change the climate surrounding the team, the student body needed to step up its efforts to support the team.

It is clear to us that the student body has done just that. For most home games this season, attendance figures have been well over 1,500, and last Saturday's game had over 2,800 fans, the biggest crowd in Reitz Arena in over 10 years. The students have turned out in droves this season and have made Reitz Arena one of the toughest places for opponents to play. This year alone, the Hounds have won five home games (four more than their total number of wins last year) and have been competitive in almost all their home games.

During their current three-game winning streak, (their first winning streak since the beginning of the 1998-1999 season) the Hounds defeated Manhattan, a team that won an NCAA tournament game last season, Iona, who they had not beaten in their 15 previous matchups and Siena on the road, snapping their 39-game road-losing skid.

All of these signs point towards a bright future for the Loyola basketball program. The excitement that head coach Jimmy Patsos has generated in less than a year at a school where nobody attended games is remarkable. Right now, the team is playing its best ball of the season, and with the MAAC tournament quickly approaching, for the first time in many years Loyola is a threat to beat anyone at the tournament. Whatever the result, basketball is back and here to stay at Loyola.

■ Cartoon alert heightened



SGA Executive Cabinet member defends Crossett

When one has justification for expressing dissatisfaction with a person or group on campus, it is his right to air these concerns. However, when one uses an isolated incident to attack the most visible student-led group on campus and to personally criticize that group's leader, he has overstepped his right as a concerned student.

Not only was last week's Opinions piece "Officials should be held to higher standards" factually incorrect in many places, but it was also as unprofessional a piece as I have seen written in *The Greyhound* in four years of reading.

The SGA did not squander the fall concert. Due to circumstances out of the SGA's control, putting on a worthwhile concert for the students was not feasible. CDigix, the new music downloading program, was the best option out of many researched by the SGA. The SGA even made sure to work the cost of CDigix into the already existent student activities fee, at

NO EXTRA COST to the students. Last semester's issue with the Director of Social Affairs position was handled appropriately. It was Kelly Crossett's decision to make, and after requesting much counsel, she made the best possible decision for the SGA.

Having worked with Kelly throughout the year, I have come to admire her leadership abilities and am proud to serve as a member of her Executive Cabinet. She works long hours to see that Loyola is the best place it can be for the students. Her main goal in everything she does as SGA president is to give the students what they want, and she has done wonderfully, often in turbulent and trying times.

I have come to know her as a friend and as a true leader for the SGA, and she receives little or no credit for her commitment to Loyola College, and that is a shame.

We in the SGA have worked extremely hard for the students this year. Little or no attention is

paid to the hours we spend with faculty and administrators voicing the concerns of the student body. We are not praised for our successes, and that is fine, because we are not looking for praise.

We work as hard as we can to make Loyola a better place, and our reward comes from the happiness our effort brings. To say that we have failed in our duties and that our leader has not lived up to hers, however, shows a lack of respect for what we do and a true lack of understanding for what it takes to be a student leader. We are always available for consultation and have publicized ourselves so that students know to whom they can turn.

The SGA is here to work for the students of Loyola College, and no one is more willing to go the extra mile than Kelly Crossett. Perhaps it's time for some people to take notice.

Joe Weidenburner '05
Director of Academic Affairs

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- Win another game or two
- Wait till next year

Last issue's poll: (results not scientific)
Who was your favorite part of Super Bowl XXXIX?

- Watching the biggest game of the year (62%)
- The commercials (21%)
- The halftime show (17%)

Give me boxer shorts or give me death

As our troops fight bravely in Iraq and Afghanistan to preserve freedom not only for Americans but the entire free world, the citizens of the proud state of Virginia are under attack, their very freedom threatened.

DAN VERDEROSA

It seems that the right to show one's undergarments in the public square was nearly deemed inappropriate and expendable, though fashion connoisseurs of the Southern state might say otherwise.

Who was responsible for this attack on the freedom of speech? Terrorists maybe? Have al Qaeda agents infiltrated the Virginia House of Delegates? Although this cannot be completely ruled out, it seems this latest attack on America has been perpetrated by a body of out-of-touch old men -- the delegates themselves!

The measure, which would have made illegal the display of a person's underpants in a "lewd or indecent manner," was passed by the House of Delegates by a ratio of nearly two to one. Such a vague statement would have made the law applicable to a large variety of situations. What if a person was "flagged" by a friend, and his or her underwear was displayed to the shocked public? Would the type of underwear change the sentence? If the perpetrator was female, could a male police officer be expected to act without bias?

The bill may have been inspired by the recent influx of smut in the national media. "The Great Janet Jackson Super Bowl Breast Fiasco," which traumatized millions of children and sheltered men last year, almost certainly played a part in the passage of this bill. Still, it is clear that this proposed law goes against not only the constitution but the founding fathers' steadfast love of



HUMPHREY NEMAR/KRT

If the Virginia House of Delegates had its way, these models at the launching of the Bonds underwear line would be charged for indecent exposure through a new law that could have been enacted last week.

viewing "young maidens' fancy undergarments."

Delegate Algie T. Howell, who introduced the bill, claimed that his constituents -- customers of his barber shop -- were offended by exposed underwear. Barber shop loiterers, of course, have always been on the cutting edge of progressive social reform. Of course, some conspiracy theorists believe the law may have actually been a move to appease the powerful Belt Lobby.

Though the Virginia State Senate decided to drop the bill, its mere proposal stirred up grave concern among the state's youth, who may have taken action if it were passed. If the Senate had passed the bill, perhaps young Virginians would have taken a cue from the civil rights demonstrators of the 1960s and used civil disobedience to fight against this grave injustice. Imagine the

steps of the Virginia Capitol building in Richmond swarmed with young men and women bearing their underwear, while shocked lawmakers gasp in horror. Such measures, though unthinkable to some, must be taken if Americans are to assert their rights and take back control of their lives from the government.

This law, if enacted, would have been a great defeat for America. Lest we forget that the Taliban were scorned for forcing the women in their country to cover themselves completely. This law might have led to an uncontrollable frenzy of similar laws restricting the types of clothing we can wear. If Virginians were banned from showing their underwear, the terrorists would have won.

Thankfully, hours before al Qaeda's scheduled victory rally, and with Osama Bin Laden anxiously waiting by the phone for

George W. Bush to concede, the Virginia State Senate decided that the bill was nonsensical and would be an embarrassment to the state. Regardless, some good may come out of this sad episode, as it provides an example for Congress on how to deal with such irrational bills. Maybe they'll even repeal the silly laws they've approved in the past ... like the Patriot Act.

As the great enlightenment thinker Voltaire is often incorrectly credited with saying, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." If he were alive today, might he have exclaimed "I disapprove of your exposed underwear, but I will defend to the death your right to expose them?" I for one believe he would.

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On the road: Conversations with an ex-Marine

Truck drivers are some of the, no wait, probably THE most interesting people you can meet in your lifetime. Sure, one might think there's not much to sporting a mullet

JASON GORSUCH



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and driving a big rig, but many of these men and women have had undying loyalty to their jobs for over 20 years. And after being on the road all this time, you tend to witness some crazy things.

Each Friday, I work at a food warehouse back home as a "jumper," someone who rides along with the truckers, helping to unload breads and cereals and frozen meats. And each Friday, I get paired up with another "interesting" character to share stories with for a 14-hour day.

I met Tony a couple of weeks ago on the porch of the warehouse steps before we were about to head off. He was small in stature but looked strong and was sporting a military buzz cut. He was smoking a cigarette and looking miffed about something.

"Just found out my best friend in the world has colon cancer," he said.

"Wow, Tony, I'm really sorry to hear that.

"So you can imagine I'm not in the best of spirits right now," he continued. "I might be acting strange and doing some crazy s--- today. So just be prepared."

For the first hour of our ride, Tony is on his Nextel with his best friend, fighting back tears, telling her to fight through this thing like a Marine. I'm sitting there, intently

listening and feeling very awkward in the situation. Finally, he says he will call her tonight and puts down the phone, and I try giving him some polite condolences. At this point, soft and sensitive Tony becomes badass Marine Tony.

"Some people say they sense I'm looking through them instead of at them," he says.

"What do you mean by that?"

"I have the eyes of a hawk. And you need to be hawk-like when you're thrown out into the jungles of the Philippines with your corps in combat mowing down Philippine militants."

He goes on to explain how he joined the Marines straight out of high school at a "chiseled" 135 pounds and served all over the world -- he was particularly proud of his stint in Desert Storm (although lamenting that he never killed Saddam Hussein).

"So, Tony, have you ever been captured as a POW?"

"Yeah, those bastards. I'm on a secret mission related to a Columbian drug ring, and I'm out by myself one night and get captured. They tie me in rope and electrocute me with all this crazy s---"

"What happens next?"

"So I hear gunshots, and turns out my men have come to bail me out. As they shoot down the hut where I'm captured, my capturer is caught off guard, and I wiggle free from the rope, and I break that son of a b---'s neck. I was lucky to be alive."

At this point, still only two hours into our ride through West Virginia, I was scared to death of Tony. Finally, we reach our first stop at an International House of Pancakes, and Tony and I decide he would load the handcarts of frozen food while I wheel them in.

Not realizing I am 150 pounds of scrawniness, he decides to load up about

600 pounds of food on the handcart. "This is a light load," he tells me confidently. As I lean back to balance the weight of the handcart, my feet slip and the handcart falls backwards. My hand is crushed underneath it.

"Did you break anything, J?"

"Nah, just bleeding really badly."

"Want me to pop the finger back into place?"

"No, it's just bleeding."

"Want me to--"

"NO, just stay away please, I'll take care of it."

I wanted to cry, but I didn't want Tony

... then we hear 'Enter Sandman' by Metallica on the radio. Each of us does an impromptu drum solo on the dashboard while singing at the top of our lungs.

— Jason Gorsuch

making fun of me the rest of the day. After I wrapped my finger and headed back to the truck, Tony offered some strange words to try and cheer me up.

"I remember this one time, I was in Thailand or somewhere, and I was breaking up this fight between one of my shipmates and a Thai hooker. The girl went to stab the guy and stabbed me in the stomach instead. I broke her arm. You don't feel bad about hurting a hooker when you've been stabbed in the stomach!"

This story did actually cheer me up. He goes on telling me about his travels, and then we hear "Enter Sandman" by Metallica

on the radio. Each of us does an impromptu drum solo on the dashboard while singing at the top of our lungs.

"You know, I once played onstage with Muddy Waters."

"You're kidding, right?"

"Nah, I was the drummer in a band when I was in the service. We were great too -- we could have made it big. We played a mean cover of 'Freebird.' And one night we were in New Orleans playing at a bar where Muddy Waters happened to be drinking. And we asked him to come up onstage and play a few songs with us. He was something else -- incredible. But what an a---hole."

The last great Tony story goes something like this:

"So I'm in Italy visiting family, and one of my buddies comes along with me and happens to impregnate a distant cousin of mine. Her father is furious because he won't marry her. So my buddy asks me to help him out. I go to her father's house and get smashed off of wine for about five hours. Somehow, I convince him to play a bocce ball game, where, if he wins, my buddy stays in Italy and marries the girl. If I win, he goes home to the states a free man. Turns this guy is a world-class bocce ball player! But I get him so drunk, I'm able to squeak out a victory, and my buddy goes home without any baggage."

At the end of the day, as we say our goodbyes, I can't help thinking what a cocky SOB Tony is and how my finger is still throbbing from the pain he inflicted. But beyond this, there was a feeling of satisfaction -- that I made \$125 today driving around West Virginia listening to incredible story after incredible story.

Who knows if they were all true or not -- but in the world of the American truck driver, you pretty much have to believe anything.

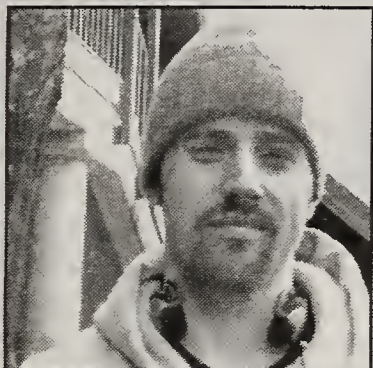
On the Quad

Did you attend the basketball game? Prospective Students

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI



"Yes, to watch my best friend dance."
Julie Tatroe '08
Business



"Yes, because I just wanted to go."
Matt Glynn '05
Finance



"No, because I'm lazy, but I plan on going to the next one."
Betsey VanLangem '07
Marketing



"Yes, because I like basketball, and I used to be a cheerleader."
Madalyn Peters '08
Biology



"No, I've never had the motivation to go."
Erin Kelley '08
Undecided

Do you want to do "On the Quad?"
Contact *The Greyhound*!

Speaking out against apathy

Part of the reason the American political "idea market" maintains a steady two-party system is that it must, in order to carry on capitalistic and democratic behavior among the people. Third parties also play a vital role, despite a success rate of zero percent in the last century or so, by challenging the

NICK BROWN



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major parties. They are forcing them to work for the vote and respect of the American people.

It is just a token of reality in a democracy that in order for the political system to uphold itself, debate is a necessity.

Loyola College has endured much stereotyping and been slapped with many labels, one of which is "political apathy." Though my comments, along with the front-page story and staff editorial in last week's *Greyhound*, received some harsh criticism from certain students and SGA members, many others expressed strong support. This is the type of energy that Loyola College needs. If we want the SGA to set strong examples and listen to the students, it is our responsibility to demand strong leadership, and voice our wishes so that SGA has something to listen to.

As students, we know that many of the stereotypes are not true. Public opinion

takes two forms: salient and latent. Salient opinion is that which is commonly discussed and in the forefront of the community's collective consciousness. Latent opinion is not discussed, not put on the political agenda, and in the background of the mind. "Apathy" suggests a lack of an opinion at all. Loyola students certainly have opinions; the problem is, in many cases, they are latent.

This is due, in part, to the lack of a pushing

"Everyone is made better when opinions are voiced and issues are raised, provided that they are voiced and raised respectfully."

— Nick Brown

force or open forum for issues to be discussed and debated. By writing my column last week, I hoped to help in creating a dialogue that would push some latent opinion on campus into the realm of saliency. So far, it seems to have done so, and to me, that is a good sign, despite the fact that the better part of the SGA is rather unhappy with me now.

But I urge everyone to get involved with the community. It sounds cliched, but most students are unaware of what is available to them here on campus. For instance, all SGA assembly meetings are open to the

public, yet rarely does anyone attend. Last week, I attended, and in many ways, it was an eye-opening discussion. I learned much of what SGA is planning in the near future, including the support of the upcoming Relay for Life -- a great program in need of a voice and support -- designed to raise money for cancer awareness.

After the meeting, I spoke to one SGA member who, despite negative feelings toward my editorial last week, wanted to constructively discuss means of improving the dialogue between students and the SGA. This is a positive result of a controversial piece of journalism.

Everyone is made better when opinions are voiced and issues are raised, provided they are voiced and raised respectfully. In this sense, the sheer anger that erupted over last week's stories and editorials stuns me. Rather than use them as a target of sheer outrage, those who feel outraged should channel their views through a forum -- such as through *The Greyhound*, but also including e-mail, attending SGA assembly meetings and other purposive organizations around campus that allow for dialogue and debate.

In my previous editorial, I did not mean to demonize or scorn, only raise an issue that inarguably needed to be raised. If such matters were allowed to pass by silently, what kind of a society would we be? Then, and only then, would anyone be correct in labeling us "apathetic."

I encourage debate and I encourage disagreement. It is a critical element of a forward-thinking society. Loyola College will benefit from it.

Don't fight senioritis, just party

It's a feeling that popped up just four short years ago. Guess what my friends: the first sign of nice weather and the warm thoughts of spring break have beckoned it back. I'm talking about senioritis, and for some of you, it's been around since the

CHARLES DUVA



LUNATIC IN THE GRASS

beginning of the year. More and more students have fallen under its alluring spell as the year has transgressed.

Unfortunately, senioritis has become associated with a negative feeling and connotation. Sure it diminishes work ethic, causes a lack of concentration and focus and recognizes Tuesday night as the beginning of the weekend. But it's something that we will all come to experience as the year goes on -- as we keep speeding by the milestones that will soon just be a conversation topic at next year's Bull and Oyster Roast.

I keep asking myself if it's wrong to start to feel this way.

As I talk to more and more friends about the topic and the phenomena that is occurring, I start to see a pattern forming. I don't see anyone taking additional chores or assignments, added responsibilities or engaging in extra-curricular academic pursuits. However, that's not to say that people are slacking off or leaning towards irresponsibility.

But why should we? Haven't we done enough and proved enough points? I'm not being ungrateful or knocking the

opportunity I was granted in being born in this society and being part of the microscopic percentage of people in the world who are literate, let alone college graduates.

When a dog jumps through a hoop, it gets a biscuit. Well, I've jumped through quite a few hoops these past few years, and I think I'm entitled to be proud of my accomplishments and get myself a few biscuits on Wednesday night.

Let's face it: For many of us this past Christmas vacation will be the longest period of time off without obligation we will ever have for the rest of our lives. I was going to come back early to work when my father told me to stay at home and enjoy the time off for just that reason. He gave me a few bucks and said that I would understand later that enjoying the time off was more valuable than the small amount of money I would make.

The way I figure it is, we start school full-time around age 5 and have been engaged in that cycle from that point. At 22 years of age, homework, papers and exorbitant amounts of work assigned outside of class tend to become quite jaded and repugnant. Do you think any of us really want to read hundreds of page a week outside of class? Better question, do you think we actually do?

As graduation will be upon us in a few short months, the notion of studying and doing homework until ungodly hours of the night will be a welcomed departure from the rigorous academic pursuits we have all endured during the course of our education.

With the prospects of a profession lingering just beyond the sunset of graduation, I think by now we have all accomplished what we came here to do and now deserve to enjoy this time before we begin our future lives and all that they may encompass.

I'm not advocating slacking off, skipping class or bailing on responsibility. What I am advocating is have a blast while you can. Spend the extra time with your friends, go to all of the senior events, and really savor the time you have left here at school. Once spring break passes, I have a feeling all hell is going to break loose, and I'll be ready to have a good time. I cannot tell you how many alumni told me that they wished they had enjoyed themselves more while still at Loyola before entering a profession where there is no more party time. Many alumni conveyed life after college in a rather colorful manner: You graduate, you get a lame job, you get married, you have kids, you still have a lame job, but you might drive a BMW.

Some people say that we are just delaying the real world -- the inevitable. Hell yeah I'm delaying the inevitable. I don't know what I will engage myself in after graduation, so I can't delay it enough.

That's a scary reality for many of us, and as we finish up strong and try to put our best foot forward into the business world. It's important to remember that we will never get to seize opportunities available though the college, hang out with all our friends or enjoy being young in this environment ever again.

After graduation there is so much that I want to do and accomplish. However, one thing I don't want to do is regret or ponder about the missed opportunity and the "What if's."

When I start to feel a bit guilty about my intentions on the rest of senior year, I am comforted by the words of a monk that I met while traveling in Katmandu. He said, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. If you happen to be suffering from senioritis, you take the lemonade and find someone with some vodka and have a party."

Reflections on being a black American woman

My hair is just hair. It's not cool, or neat, or crazy or funky; it's just hair, and if I had a nickel for every time I had to explain how I did it, how long it took me and why I don't

JASMINE JENKINS

wash it everyday, I'd probably have enough money to go to the beauty salon every week for the rest of my life. I am a young black woman in America, and this is my story.

I begin with the hair declaration because despite its apparent triviality, my misunderstood grooming patterns are so indicative of how much the world doesn't know, and often doesn't care to learn, about what it means to be an African-American woman in this country.

When I asked some of my friends about this topic, one reaction stood out: frustration. "It's hard ..." "I'm amazed that ..." "I hate it when ..." began some of the responses. Like me, most of my peers are frustrated by the media's portrayal of us, what is expected from us and the world's reaction to us. Female black college students feel especially marginalized by the way others judge us.

While watching television, it becomes blatantly obvious where the stereotypes of black women come from, especially considering the fact that even the news media does little to portray us as anything

but braid-tossing, loud-talking, taxpayer-mooching, rump-shaking "baby-mamas" with names ending in -isha or -naynay. This is most certainly not an accurate description of the American black woman, and while I would never attempt to belittle the Daquishas or Shanaynays of the world, I refuse to accept that there is nothing more to them than the aforementioned qualities.

Although I believe that most Americans acknowledge that there is more to black women than these qualities, I still feel marginalized, boxed-in and even belittled by people, both black and white, as a result of this image. Because I am an African-American on a predominantly white college campus, I daily face both groups and their prejudices. As a result of many of these interactions, I am led to one question: Why?

To white people: Why can't I be mad without someone responding by rolling his neck, snapping his fingers and saying, "Oh no you dih-in't!" Why can't I dance without three people pointing and attempting to imitate me? Why is the verbal response to a job that I have done well always, "You go, girl!" Why does everyone tell me that I should be able to "write my own ticket" in the higher education and job application process with an all-knowing wink-wink, as though the past 16 years of hard work and dedication mean nothing in light of my race and gender?

To black people: Why am I met with



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Dr. Maya Angelou greets delegates during the second night of the Democratic National Convention in 2004.

surprise, and even admiration when I say that I don't have any children? Why do my speech patterns, mannerisms and career goals often determine my racial authenticity? Why haven't we done more to change the ever-present images that so negatively reflect our women and our people in general?

In thinking about these questions, I realize that I, too, am frustrated. I am young, educated and ambitious, but it seems like

the more I push the barriers, the more I am attacked by lowered expectations, blatant prejudice, and biting insults. For me, America reinforces the glass ceiling with steel. This is especially cruel because I know that my predecessors bore and nurtured this nation, despite having their own children ripped from their arms. In all patience and faithfulness, black women have carried the burden of pain, oppression, degradation and hatred -- both internal and external.

In *The Souls of Black Folk*, W.E.B. DuBois asked, "Would America have been America without her Negro people?" I'd like to take this question a step further and ask, would America have been America without her Negro women? I wish more people would realize that the legacy of black women in this country has been one of strength, patience, pride, innovation, faith and hope.

So, these are my reflections, but they would be in vain if I didn't walk away with some revelation. I realize that in the tradition of Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Zora Neale Hurston, Marion Anderson, Shirley Chisholm, Maya Angelou, and yes, even Oprah Winfrey, I will recognize that no barrier, not even steel, can stop what I have to give to the world.

Being led by their wisdom, but never limited by their achievements, I will push harder, do more and be greater, knowing that God, fully accepting me as His, has allowed me to lack nothing. Yes, I am a black woman in America; how do I feel? Absolutely phenomenal.

From the Desk of the SGA President

To the student body of Loyola College in Maryland,

As most of you are aware, over the past 10 days there has been much controversy surrounding my conduct. Concerning these events, I have had to answer to many people, but I ultimately feel I am most responsible to the student body and it is to you that I wish to comment.

Yes, I had a 21st birthday party. Yes, there were a lot of people and a lot of beer. Yes, I made a mistake. Dozens of you have come up to me saying that it is stupid, that "This whole situation is being blown out of proportion." Whether I agree or disagree is not the point. By running for SGA president, I opened myself up to such scrutiny, and it is part of my job, as president and as a Loyola student, to deal with the consequences of my actions. I am eager to do so, however, because I wholeheartedly support taking personal responsibility for one's actions in all matters.

Even though nothing was documented and no reports were filed, it came to my attention in the week after the party that rumors were afloat. Immediately, my roommates and I set up a meeting with Leonard Brown, director of Student Life, at which time we submitted a statement completely admitting everything that occurred at the party and accepting full responsibility for all the consequences of our actions. At no time have I asked for special treatment because of my position and I do not expect or wish to receive any. In fact, just the opposite is true. Because of my position, I have experienced harsher treatment by having the issue plastered all over the school newspaper and brought to the attention of Student Life in the first place. While my actions were unprofessional and have affected many groups on this campus, it is to the student body that I wish to primarily apologize. To each of you, I am sorry if I let you down as your leader, and I hope that I can somewhat rectify the situation by handling it in the most mature manner possible and continuing to work tirelessly to end the year in spectacular fashion.

Ultimately, I think that college is not about being perfect. It's about making mistakes and then learning from them. I've made several mistakes over the past two and half years. I made one on my birthday and I'll save everyone the suspense: I'm pretty sure I'll make a few more before I graduate. While I'm not proud of these mistakes, I can accept them, for each one has taught me a lesson and made me a better person.

In closing, I want to thank my roommates, cabinet members, friends, family and everyone else who has given me so much support during this difficult episode. There literally aren't words to express what each of your actions has meant to me, and I am privileged and honored to associate myself with each and every one of you.

As always, and most importantly, if any member of the student body has any questions or comments, I encourage you to contact me at kccrossett1@loyola.edu or at x2268. It is ultimately to you that I answer and for you that I serve.

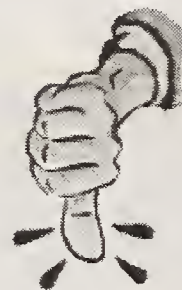
Sincerely,

Your Student Government Association President,

Kelly Crossett

THUMBS

BY JAYO'BRIEN



Men's Basketball (and the 2,818 fans)

-- When I look back on Loyola years after graduation, Saturday's basketball game will be one of the first things I remember. Under the spotlight of television cameras and a historic winning streak, the Greyhounds proved themselves to be a dangerous team in the MAAC. The team's potential run towards (dare I say) the MAAC championship is a tribute to the players and everyone's man crush Jimmy Patsos. Thank you, coach, for bringing school spirit and a winning attitude to Loyola College.

The Senior DogPound -- A small group of senior guys have been following "Ho Ho Ho" Jim Chivers, Sean Corrigan, "Honeydippin'" Bernard Allen and Ika since freshman year, back when attending basketball games was laughable. With their intense heckling and insane chants, they have been responsible for fouling out Niagara's Juan Mendez and getting into the heads of MAAC coaches. Great job sixth man -- you deserve the wins as much as anyone.

CDigix -- Despite the stupid name and the sub-par web design, CDigix gets the job done. Where else can you listen to the new U2 CD for free? Congrats to the SGA for doing their homework and securing a great service for everyone (except you silly Mac users). Now if only I actually wanted to download Chris Carrabba...



President's Day?? -- Next Monday is President's Day, although you wouldn't know it as a Loyola student. This federal holiday is a chance to celebrate the courage and leadership of our founding fathers in the establishment of these great United States -- where we have the freedom to print our opinions without the fear of persecution (except from other students). While Loyola recently observed a day off for Martin Luther King, Jr. -- whose famous "I have a dream" speech directly quotes the Declaration of Independence -- Loyola couldn't care less about Washington and Lincoln.

Sodexo -- Simple math for this thumbs down: 2,818 men's basketball fans, a lacrosse scrimmage, women's basketball fans, on-going college admissions tours and a Women in Sports day -- all within one minute of Boulder Garden Café. Yet, for some mind-boggling reason, Boulder was closed (losing out on the thousands of dollars they could have earned by monetarily assaulting patrons), and the Salsa Rico line was 100 people deep. What Towson graduate made that decision?

Winter?? -- It's cold enough with the wind for me to skip class but not cold enough to snow and cancel school? Either start snowing now or warm up so the skirts and tube tops will come out. (Oh wait, freshmen wear those all year round).

SGA president coverage labeled unfair by student

In recent weeks the Loyola community has grieved the loss of two important college figures, been introduced to a new music downloading system, hosted a convocation for Martin Luther King Day, announced the bands for Loyolapalooza and in national and international news watched the annual State of the Union address, watched a Secretary of State induction and saw Iraqi's vote for the first time and the first headline I see when I pick up the Greyhound this week is "SGA president's party investigated."

And quite frankly, I laughed. Not at Ms. Crossett but that two "accredited" journalists, who happen to be both the editor in chief and the managing editor of *The Greyhound*, reported not only a completely unfounded and obviously uninvestigated article but furthermore reported a story that was pure gossip. After pondering at the absurdity, I turned the page and read the editorial and Nick Brown's column.

And again, to be quite frank, I laughed -- harder. After compressing my giggles long enough to write this article, I glanced down to the end of the page and saw that Loyola's greyhound has been rated "First

Class with two marks of distinction by the Associated Collegiate Press." Needless to say, I think I nearly keeled over from laughter.

To the editors of *The Greyhound* and Mr. Brown -- what you have published in this weeks Greyhound is far from a news story. You have attempted to create a story out of a series of nothings and dead ends. You went to Student Life who provided you with no details whatsoever, you went to campus police who said they heard nothing out of the



ordinary and you reported that RA's visited the apartment twice and needless to say, did not write up Kelly nor any of her roommates. Mr. Brown you saw fit to compare Kelly's 21st birthday party to President Bush's "propensity for

cocaine and alcohol." Furthermore, Mr. Brown, you drew comparisons between Kelly and Mike Sellito -- who, may I remind those students who did not know why he was asked to leave office, hosted a party off campus for freshman students -- some of them minors -- during orientation. Your arguments are not only absurd, they are close to being considered libelous as they are clearly uninvestigated and no more than hear-say.

May I remind the staff of *The Greyhound* that you too, members of *The Greyhound*, are considered leaders of the college. Thousands of people read your comments on a weekly basis and you have the capability of affecting and influencing public opinion. I believe you have severely bludgeoned yourselves with your inclusion of a story that is no more than gossip. I would suggest two things: one, that you change the title of this newspaper to "The Star" if you plan on continuing to report such things and two, that you burn all pictures of YOUR 21st birthdays, or if you haven't turned 21 yet, stay away from cameras.

Kelly Immordino '06
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Alum supports pres

Anyone who has read *The Greyhound* this year would have to admit that they have been critical of the SGA. Generally there is nothing wrong with that since that is part of *The Greyhound's* job. I have an interesting question though: How does the same newspaper and in this case the same article, that has been critical of the SGA for its failure to hold a fall concert also attack the SGA president for removing the person responsible for that failure? You can't have it both ways, and this contradiction shows that there might be more to this than fair, unbiased reporting. To call for a change in the leadership of the SGA based on this incident is ridiculous and your mention of what you view as failures of this SGA administration shows that you may have an underlying bias here. Most people on Loyola's campus will never realize the number of hours the average SGA Executive Cabinet member puts into his or her job each week because there are not always tangible results. There is one thing I can assure you of though; at the top of this administration are two natural leaders whose talent and enthusiasm make them perfect for their jobs. These same qualities are also evident throughout the entire Executive Cabinet. I had the privilege of working with both Kelly Crossett and Blair

Puscas last year on the Executive Cabinet and I have also had the privilege of working with several other current SGA Cabinet members.

Immediately after we interviewed Kelly for last year's chief of staff position, at the end of her freshman year, I was impressed enough that I had no doubt that she would one day be SGA president. This was something the other members of the appointments committee also saw. I was equally impressed with Blair in the fall of 2003 when he was elected freshmen class president and as a result the person whom I'd share my desk with for the rest of the year. When I graduated last May, I knew the SGA was in great hands because the president and the vice president were two people who I knew could not only lead but would be able to work together with the entire Executive Cabinet to work towards achieving their goals for Loyola.

So rather than criticizing I want to commend the SGA and all student leaders for the job they did leading the Loyola student body through what we can only hope will be the toughest couple of weeks Loyola will ever face. True leaders are at their best when times get tough. I fully expect that in the next few weeks and for the remainder of the year you will see your student body president at her best along with the entire SGA.

Crosset's friend criticizes Greyhound

I am writing in response to Nick Brown's strongly worded letter. First of all, I feel that I must begin by giving kudos to a young man who has been at this school for a little over a year and a half and has grown so comfortable in his viewpoints about a person and situation that he is obviously not entirely familiar with that he would hastily publish them in the school newspaper. It is, after all, your right to exercise the right of free speech through print, and as you clearly did in your article, express your apparent strong feelings towards Loyola's SGA president. However, reading your article, I did not find myself better-informed or enlightened or even slightly entertained as I would predict is the goal of most newspaper articles. What I read was an attempt to insult, disrespect and bash someone you do not even know, my roommate and best friend, our SGA president, Kelly Crossett. I preface my arguments with the understanding that they will be biased, as she is a close friend of mine and my roommate as well.

I am taking what I feel is my responsibility in commenting on a majority of the ludicrous arguments presented in your article.

While politics are not my forte, as I will be the first to admit, I can say that the last time I checked, the SGA of Loyola College was not running the United States of America. Feel free to interject, Mr.

Brown, if I am misinformed. Your argument that compares Ms. Crossett to President Bush, who apparently had "a propensity for cocaine and alcohol" or to former President Clinton who was involved in the White House sex scandal is not only arbitrary, exaggerated, unintelligent and false, it is downright "tabloid fodder" meant to fill your corner of *The Greyhound*.

Next, you bring forth your apparent pent up aggression towards this year's SGA staff and their supposed lack of accomplishment. Speaking as Kelly's roommate and also having become good friends with several of the students on her staff and the SGA, I have experienced firsthand the amount of effort that goes into her (unpaid) role as SGA president and their volunteer positions as her cabinet. Unfortunately, with the territory of her position comes disgruntled stone-throwers, such as yourself, who feel the need to tear apart the things she and her staff did accomplish, all in one article.

You were extremely quick to judge CDigix, the new music downloading program that Loyola has been using for the past week. Concerning this matter, all I can offer is an apology that your computer is one of the few on campus that actually makes it not possible for you to use the program. I am going out on a limb, however, to assume that if you did not have a Mac (and it is obviously

Ms. Crossett's fault that you do) that you would be downloading just like all of your friends are. Also, after consulting reliable sources ("looking at the facts" if you will), the technology and communication fee was not raised at all. The whole draw of this program was that it was set up by the SGA so students were not charged anything extra. I can attest to the fact that Ms. Crossett and her staff contemplated several different music downloading programs and chose the most appropriate one for Loyola and that accommodated the majority of students.

As for the fall concert, yeah, you were bummed. I was bummed too.

However, I can assure you that Ms. Crossett was up many a late night contemplating the troublesome situation of the fall concert. Should the SGA spend student money to get a no-name band to fill one of the few spots that Reitz was available in the fall? Or should they hold off for something better (knowingly risking criticism from some students) that would take place in the spring? Personally, I would choose the latter, and I feel that the SGA kept our (the students') best interests at heart.

Now, the 21st birthday party. I guess the only thing I have in defense of Ms. Crossett (and myself for being a resident of the room and equally as responsible for the party) is that we made a mistake. We are taking full

responsibility for our actions in a mature and confidential way, much to the disregard of *The Greyhound* writers. Unfortunately, I am learning the hard way that self-responsibility comes with heavy consequences; some I expected in the form of disciplinary action; others I was not quite expecting, in the form of gossip, hearsay and humiliation through print. The concept is simple: a mistake was made, and the consequences are being dealt with. Fine. Done.

I find your concern that Ms. Crossett is unfitting as a leader because of this one incident hasty, tasteless and ignorant. I may be completely wrong, but I have trouble believing that you, Mr. Brown, have actually been sitting up at night fretting over the job that our SGA president is doing, the bands she is not getting or the fact that your computer will not support the new music downloading program, as the passion of your article suggests to me. Rather, I feel that the purpose of your article was to ruffle some feathers and get some attention all at the expense of disrespecting an admirable student leader and wonderful person that you never took the time to know. Well, Mr. Brown, if this was your goal, you deserve nothing less than "Congratulations."

Amy Birck
Education '06

Ed Ra'04
Senior Class President 2003-04

SGA Executive Cabinet responds

We, the Executive Cabinet of the Student Government Association, would like to formally express our support of our president, Kelly Crossett, both professionally and personally.

Kelly has always made it clear that she would stand by us through all of our endeavors. She has earned our respect and admiration, and we feel that the least we can do is offer her the same support.

Kelly has always kept the student body's best interests at heart, and she will continue to do so throughout the remainder of her term. The SGA as a whole remains passionately committed to the goals and objectives we set out to accomplish at the beginning of the year.

As always, the student body remains our top priority, and we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

Loyola College in Maryland's
SGA Executive Cabinet

Breaking news from a pineapple under the sea

With the recent release of Bush's new highly anticipated blockbuster budget, the pundits have been whipped up into a debatin' fury. Social security, Medicaid, Medicare, veteran benefits, national deficit, national

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debt, public school systems: all of these concerns must take a temporary backseat due to a new, imminent looming threat. Medicare? Medi-who-cares is more like it! The nation's youth ARE UNDER ATTACK!

An insidious new threat has recently been identified by the religious right. Those ranting righters, who aren't happy unless that have something to riot over, have uncovered a new conspiracy. Yes, it's only too devastatingly true. In our living rooms, on our television sets, on the seemingly innocuous Nickelodeon channel no less, there exists a show so vulgar, so profane it is tainting the pure minds of America's children. Infesting their young minds, warping their sense of morality and family values: there exists a sponge. Absorbent, porous, and gay is he.

This vile sponge, known to our children as "SpongeBob," is polluting our children's sensibilities and instilling in them-gasp! -- homosexual ideals. Not only does this cartoon promote a homosexual agenda, it is purported to preach such inappropriate qualities such as "tolerance" and an appreciation of diversity.

SpongeBob, who lives in the naughtily named "Bikini Bottom," shares his home with another male, a snail named Gary. Furthermore, he cavorts with -- and has even held hands with! -- his "friend" a portly starfish named Patrick. Sponge Bob is frequently doing traditionally womanly domestic tasks such as cooking and cleaning. This big gay sponge is so good at cooking, he even works at a restaurant manning the grill. The merry prankster is known to sing and enjoy blowing bubbles. Now those are two homoerotic activities if ever a homoerotic activity I've heard.

To the religious right, the outraged parents and to the people who have nothing better to do with their time than to go on a "purple" hunt throughout children's programs, I have this to say: Drop on the floor and flop like a fish! Because that would be a better use of your time.

SpongeBob is first and foremost a sponge. An anthropomorphized sponge, to be sure, but a sponge

all the same. When I wash my dishes or scrub my shower, I have never noticed that my sponge has genitalia. Wouldn't genitalia be required for a sexual preference? The day I detect a penis on my sponge is the day I start buying cleaning chemicals with less mind-altering fumes.

Gary the snail is Sponge Bob's pet. Of course, bestiality is a concern for most parents, but I recall no episode wherein Sponge Bob touches his pet's naughty bits. Which begs a further question: Do snails even have

naughty bits? How could you even identify a snail's naughty bits, cartoon or otherwise?

Patrick, the loveable buffoon of a starfish, is accused of having an inappropriate relationship with Bob. Apparently hanging out, going on undersea adventures and playing pranks on the crotchety neighbor Squidward are the criticism for gay coupledness.

If that is the case, then it must logically follow that men must never have other men for friends, lest they "hang out," go on an "adventure," or heaven forbid,

blow bubbles together. Male friendships apparently must not extend past the golf course.

We live in a homophobic society. There is a lack of understanding and a lack of tolerance extended to our gay and lesbian citizens. This was recently, and most devastatingly, driven home by multiple states passing the same-sex marriage bans in November.

We as a culture are becoming less and less tolerant, and now there exists a paranoid cross-section of Americans who wish to endow our children with these fears.

We are teaching our children that being gay is wrong; we are teaching our children that it is not OK for men to have male friends, to express emotions, to cook or to clean. We are teaching our children that if a man engages in these activities, then he is "gay" and therefore "bad."

I propose that anyone who is seriously concerned about the morally questionable effects of SpongeBob give themselves a swift kick in the squarepants.

After that, I suggest they redirect their focus to the very real threats against children: child molesters, child pornographers, and even Bush's budgetary plans, because it affects our children's future as well. As SpongeBob himself said, "Moss always points to civilization."



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SpongeBob is having a great time for now, but our columnist takes issue with those who want to get rid of SpongeBob for good.

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Eagles fan stays loyal after tough loss

Being an Eagles fan is an extreme exercise in patience. Well, not so much an exercise as a nine-mile jog followed immediately by

BRIAN McCARTHY

a week at boot camp, then walking all the way across Lincoln Financial Field and back 10 times while dragging a humongous boulder tied around your waist.

Every year, our beloved team does extremely well, yet something seems to go wrong every single time. This year, the Eagles finally managed to jump over the hurdle that has proved to be impossible for them to overcome for the past three years - the NFC Championship game. Coach Andy Reid took the Eagles to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1980, despite the criticism he received for not playing his team's starters for the last two games of the regular season.

People ask me, now that the Eagles finally made it to the Super Bowl and put up a good fight, if I'm satisfied.

The answer to that question is a resounding "No." Of course I'm happy we finally made it. However, the Eagles didn't lose because the Patriots are a better team, they lost because McNabb broke down in the second half, throwing several interceptions and then wasting precious time in the huddle instead of calling out the plays like Brady did. This was a game that we could have easily won, and although I acknowledge that if it weren't for McNabb, we wouldn't have made it this far in the first place, it's still clear to me that if it weren't for the mistakes Donovan "I should really stop eating so much of the Chunky Soup" McNabb made, Philadelphia would finally have a championship team.

When Greg Lewis made that amazing touchdown in the fourth quarter, I truly believed that we were going to win.

You could barely hear the announcers over the crowd, which broke out into a moving rendition of the Eagles fight song. I'm not ashamed to admit I was moved

nearly to tears of joy and anticipation.

Which brings me to the first of several things I've come to realize since that horribly difficult loss. First, the reputation Eagles fans have as some of the worst fans in professional sports is entirely untrue and undeserved. Sure, we may not be the quietest fans, or even the classiest fans. But if anything else, we're the truest and most emotional fans there are, and for me, that's what is most important. Sure, we may have booed Santa Claus, and sure, we may have booed our own players on many an occasion. But that's only because we care about our team and believe in our team so much, that we want to see them do well. We don't want distractions from a fat guy in a red suit, and we're not just going to shut up while our team fouls up on the field.

When the Steelers almost lost to the Jets in the playoffs, the fans in Pittsburgh were so quiet it was depressing ... you could hear a pin drop in that stadium it was so eerily quiet. We boo our players when they perform poorly because we want to get them fired up, and remind them that there people are in the stands who didn't pay to see a losing team. But riots and angry mobs? Maybe that happens in many other towns when their team loses, but rarely in ours; some fans cry into their beers, others yell at anyone who looks at them the wrong way, but most just let it sink in, and wait for next year.

I've also come to realize that there is a terrible disease spreading through our country like wildfire ... an epidemic known as ESPN. Man, I hate those guys. They hyped up everything so much, especially Freddie Mitchell. This is a player that no one in Philadelphia pays much attention to and barely played all season long, yet this guy runs his mouth off and every other ESPNs may exist now cried about how disgusted they are with him when they aren't too busy thinking of new catchphrases to make themselves sound cool. The whole Freddie Mitchell ordeal was blown so out of proportion by these guys



RED HUBER / ORLANDO SENTINEL

Terrell Owens returned to the Eagles for a heroic Super Bowl performance -- but the lack of success in big games continued for Philadelphia.

that I don't understand how anyone can take them seriously.

Let me close with this -- everyone who trash-talked Terrell Owens and said he wouldn't play can just shut up. He was the star out on that field on Sunday, and defied everyone's expectations. All the Eagles haters love to pick on T.O., calling him "cocky" and "overrated." Well he proved them all wrong on Sunday. He was injured, and everyone said he wouldn't play very well, yet he was definitely one of the best players in that game. People look at how he behaves off the field instead paying

attention to how he actually performs on the field. I have no problem with T.O.'s antics, such as his touchdown victories and his prank phone call to the Atlanta Falcons, because honestly, it's just entertaining. If people paid more attention to T.O.'s skills and the rest of the team, instead of crying about how rude Owens is or how "despicable" our fans are, maybe they'd come to realize that our team isn't so bad after all.

But hey, if you still have complaints about my team, bring it up with me -- I'll be the guy proudly wearing my Owens jersey.

Chair gives thumbs down

As Jean Paul Sartre said, existence precedes essence. John O'Brien gave a thumbs down to the faculty and administration for the underutilization of WLOY's radio and television facilities but

if O'Brien had looked at how far we have come rather than how far we still have to go, the result should be two thumbs up.

Communication and the Department of Writing, that process has only recently begun so it may be a just a tad too early to judge it.

Elliot King
Interim Chair
(New) Department of
Communication



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/ GREYHOUND

WLOY has come a long way and will continue to improve, Dr. Elliot King said.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When Fr. Michael Braden arrived at Loyola less than five years ago, we had no facilities at all. Since then, Fr. Braden has supervised the implementation of a state-of-the art radio station and a compact but very functional television studio and video editing suite.

Now that the facilities are in place, we are in the process of recruiting and training students with the necessary skills to produce great programming. That takes time but the commitment is there. In fact, we are currently in the midst of a national search for an additional faculty member to teach video and audio production.

As for the sideswipe O'Brien took at the reorganization of the Department of

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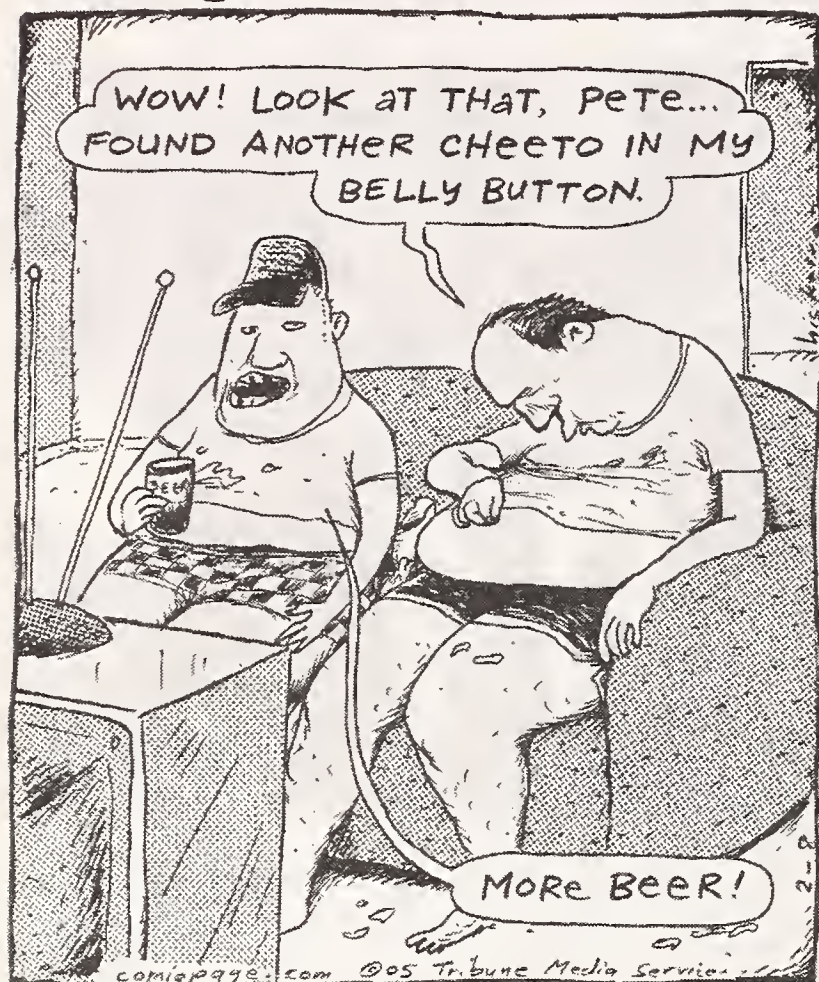


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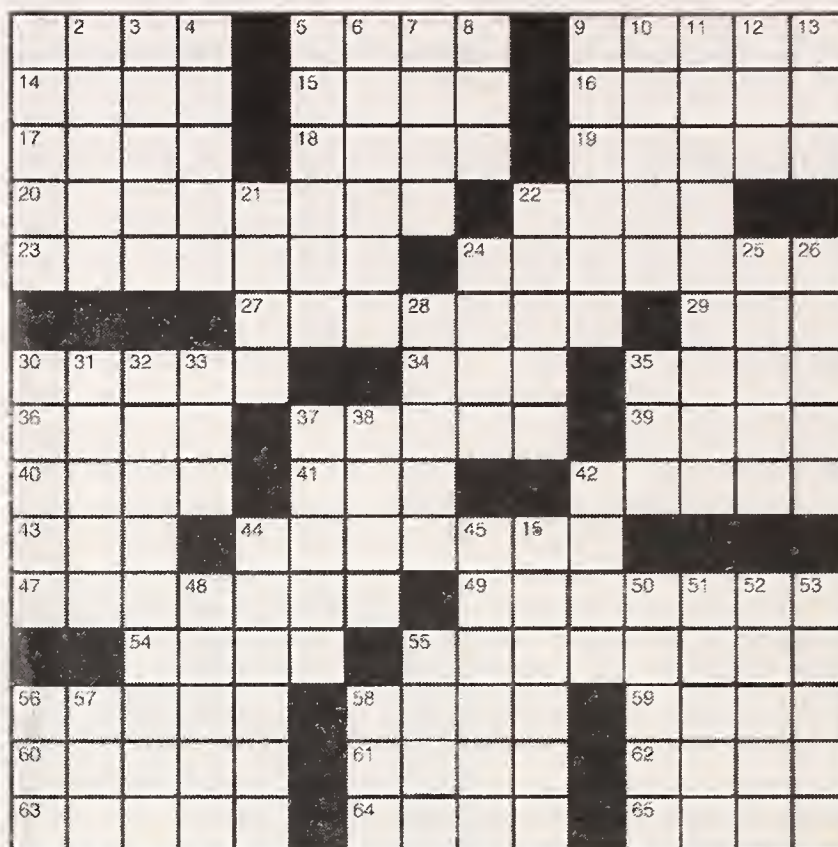
By Aaron Warner



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- 1 Injection
 - 5 Unspecified amount
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 - 18 Peggy and Brenda
 - 19 Daddy's mate
 - 20 Sodium chloride
 - 22 Traditional knowledge
 - 23 Take for granted
 - 24 Gather
 - 27 Pathetic
 - 29 Simpson judge
 - 30 Jockey's controls
 - 34 Luau staple
 - 35 Detest
 - 36 Sea eagle
 - 37 Complaints
 - 39 List unit
 - 40 Cad's come-on
 - 41 Ripen
 - 42 Exploiters
 - 43 Rink material
 - 44 Terminating
 - 47 Slaughtered animal's body
 - 49 Harasses
 - 54 Arizona city
 - 55 Dark shade
 - 56 Zagreb resident
 - 58 Book increment
 - 59 Old-time actress Theda
 - 60 Out-of-date
 - 61 Daredevil Knievel
 - 62 Wicked
 - 63 Aquatic mammal
 - 64 Highland loch
 - 65 Lairs

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 - 4 Difficult journeys
 - 5 Deli meat
 - 6 Egg dish
 - 7 Encounter
 - 8 Printer's measures
 - 9 Renowned
 - 10 Decorate
 - 11 Instant
 - 12 Edge
 - 13 Pigs' digs
 - 21 Dines
 - 22 St. Cardinals
 - 24 Housetop
 - 25 Express in words
 - 26 Verse
 - 28 Fencers' foils
 - 30 Old treasure
 - 31 Author Jong
 - 32 Most central
 - 33 Born in Burgundy
 - 35 Belonging to that man
 - 37 Lightweight wood
 - 38 Vanities
 - 42 Far from pretty
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 - 46 Works of fiction



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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- 50 Receded
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- 52 Shroud of
- 53 Embossed emblems
- 55 Central area of a church
- 56 Naval noncom
- 57 Informer
- 58 Livestock enclosure

Aries (March 21-April 20) Wednesday through Saturday also highlight new romantic encounters and bold public

tations. After Tuesday, expect a recently stalled relationship to provide security and intimacy. Welcome all emotional changes: this is an excellent time to make new promises or rekindle lost passions.

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

decisions. Over the next few days, expect potential lovers to openly vie for your loyalty and attention. Stay open: there's much to consider.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Postponed projects and past business colleagues will now actively vie for your attention: before Wednesday, expect a wave of creative work proposals. Wednesday through Saturday, a new friendship may trigger unexpected tensions in the group.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Don't withhold romantic feelings or deep impressions: loved ones will this week respond positively to suggestions and subtle invi-

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Friends, lovers and close relatives may this week ask for your advice or emotional guidance. Past romantic promises and stalled relationships are a strong concern: watch for ongoing miscommunications or family differences to require firm attention.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22) Tuesday through Thursday, vivid dreams will provide subtle romantic insights. Someone close needs extra private time to end unproductive relationships or finalize family decisions. Yesterday's doubts and limitations will eventually be addressed: remain patient and watch for consistent progress.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Loved ones may soon rely heavily on your business or financial expertise: over the next two days, expect calculations, revised legal documents or ownership papers to be complicated by money mistakes. Wednesday through Friday, a long-term relationship may experience powerful moments of passion or confrontation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rare romantic attractions are highlighted before mid-week: respond quickly to all invitations and social proposals. Some Librans may now begin several weeks of fast romantic choices: if so, remain focused on long-term security and expect valuable insights from friends or relatives.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Recent feelings of isolation or loss will soon fade. Many Scorpios will begin an important phase of private contemplation and renewed faith. Romantic expectations, home planning and shared family goals may be a central theme: expect loved ones

to challenge new ideas, revise daily plans or reveal unusual social facts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before mid-week, potential lovers may openly compete for your attention. Friends and relatives will react with mistrust or minor jealousy. No long-term affects are accented; so not to worry. Do, however, expect brief romantic triangles and mild family tensions. Maintain a social balance and wait for progress.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Conflicting invitations may this week present an unusual dilemma: after Tuesday, expect loved ones and new friends to disagree on dates, times or social promises. Enjoy the social antics of all involved but remain silent: this is not the right time to act as adviser to the group.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Over the next 12 days, friends, roommates and close relatives will provide misinformation, flawed plans or exaggerated expectations.

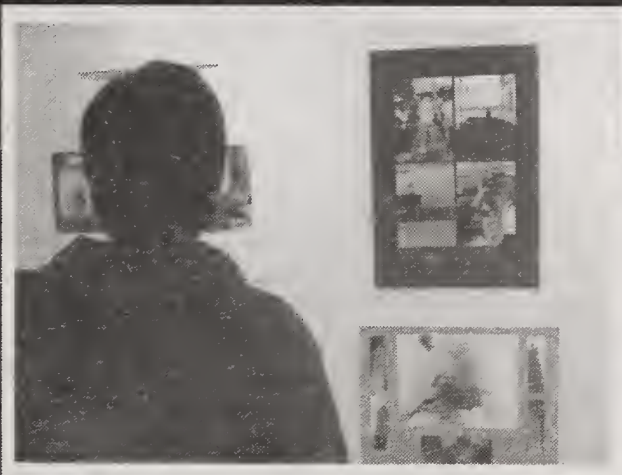
Remain silently dedicated to established goals: at present, trusted methods and an affirmation of shared values will provide the desired results.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Optimism and rekindled sensuality will now return to key relationships. Accept all attention as positive: at present, new social and romantic roles are being established. Wednesday through Friday, a strained business relationship may escalate toward group disagreement. Pay attention to private workplace politics, social triangles and hidden agendas: complex choices will soon be needed.

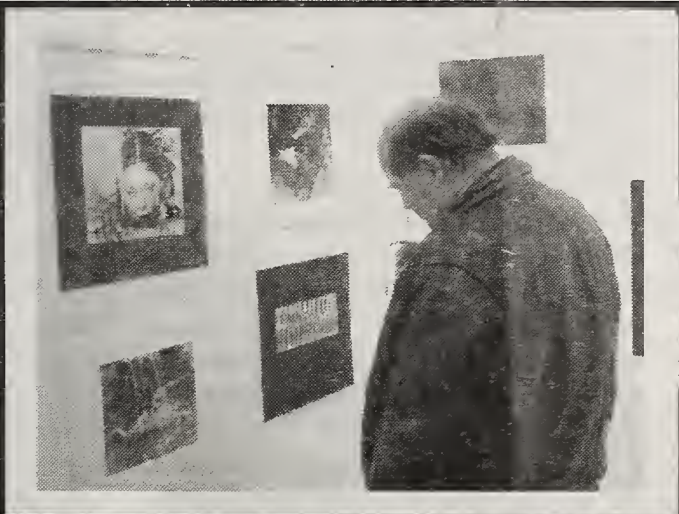
If your birthday is this week ... News from distant friends or relatives may soon trigger intense family discussions. After mid-April, relations return to normal: remain patient and watch for loved ones to set their own priorities and goals. Throughout the summer months, watch for rare employment opportunities or investment options.



Above and right: Students and faculty members make their way around the gallery; Sophomore Stella Ostrander's father observes other students' work.



Left and below: Mike Giuliano ('06) admires the work of his classmates; Junior Greg Sileo's photos share the wall with other fine examples of photography.



PHOTOS AND ILLUSTRATION BY BRENDAN NOWLIN/GREYHOUND

Student photo exhibit opens in Hampden

BY BRENDAN NOWLIN
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Last Friday, nearly 50 Loyola College photography students got a taste of what it is like to have their work shown in a public gallery. An opening reception marked the beginning of the exhibit's six-week run at La Terra Gallery, located in the neighborhood of Hampden, minutes away from the Evergreen campus.

The photographs being shown are a representation of students of all levels, from majors to minors to students who simply took one

semester of basic photography. Regardless of whether or not the work shown was done by students interested in a career in

“It inspires people to be able to have something off campus.”

-Dan Schlapbach

photography, however, the show represented an opportunity for both the pre-professional and

amateur photographers to have their work shown in a gallery.

“It's great for the students to get some kind of feedback that comes from people who aren't involved with their classes on campus,” Mary Skeen, Loyola photography professor, said. “That's what being an artist is all about.”

A similar exhibition showcasing work from Loyola students took place at the college's own art gallery last year, but to the students, the exhibit at La Terra seems a bit more real.

“It's exciting because it's off-campus,” sophomore Liz Nolan admitted. “It makes it a little more

official.”

Photography professors Dan Schlapbach and Virginia Brown worked together with Skeen to decide what work would be displayed.

“Making the choices wasn't easy,” Skeen said, “because we have so much nice stuff. We wanted to make sure we had a good representation of different levels of students and different classes, different projects.”

Work from students enrolled in basic and intermediate photography was accompanied by more advanced pieces from students in The Human Subject,

Landscape and Nature, photojournalism, portraiture, alternative processes and color photography.

In addition, the exhibit at La Terra provided a couple of lines to the resumes of graduating seniors.

“It's wonderful,” Schlapbach said. “I think it inspires people to be able to have something off campus; it broadens the horizons of what people want to do and the goals for where their work is going. It's really exciting.”

The photography faculty hopes to continue this tradition of holding the annual student show off campus next year.

‘Last Comic Standing’ at Loyola was one happy Valentine Friday

BY TERRY WALSH
SPECIAL TO THE GREYHOUND

The scores of spectators who filled Upper Primo's on Friday night wanted to know just one thing: Who would be the “Last Comic Standing?” That man turned out to be Evan “Shaggy” Valentine, and yes, that nickname came from Scooby Doo's best pal.

Valentine, who described himself as “6-6, lanky and Irish,” distinguished himself from his foes by touching on a variety of hilarious topics in a 10-minute segment. Beginning with an impersonation of Jerry Seinfeld at a funeral home, Valentine showed plenty of charisma with impeccable timing on his delivery.

He then commented on the dangers and struggles of working

a job with your father. Using God and Jesus as his father-son example, Valentine continued to impress and kept the laughter rolling long enough to stand alone at the end of the night.

For the most part, the acts started out with very organized jokes and set-ups. As the minutes rolled on for each competitor, however, many comedians invariably shifted to college humor and relied on sex and bodily functions to finish their acts.

The event was judged by a panel of four featuring three Loyola students and the area's most popular bus driver. When asked what he was looking for in the competition, Loyola shuttle driver Ted Blusiewicz said, “True-life experiences and the way they were expanded upon were

important. Also, the originality and sincerity of the contestants made them stand out.”

The silence in Upper Primo's as the winners were announced perfectly described the suspense regarding the outcome. Valentine, with his \$200 prize, outlasted a pool of several other formidable opponents. Freshman Tom Saporito garnered runner-up honors, which included two tickets to see Lewis Black live at Loyola.

Senior Danielle Lizardos thought it was a unique event.

“It was nice to see a lot of different classes cheering people on ... the acts were clean but funny.”

Proceeds from the event will be sent to victims of the recent Asian tsunami. Collection boxes were placed at the doors and donations

were encouraged throughout the night.

The idea for raising money came about as a replacement for the SGA/Campus Ministry dance that was postponed in late January.

After the competition, rumor has it that the Mystery Machine was spotted cruising past campus police and that Scooby and Scrappy Doo grabbed Valentine and tossed him into the van.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Senior Evan Valentine shows the audience why he deserved to be Loyola's Last Comic Standing.

Eisley's long-awaited debut shows promise

By TOM KORB
MUSIC CRITIC

Eisley - Room Noises
2005 Warner Bros. Records
★★★★ (out of 5)

The New Year promises good things ... well at least for the world of music. To justify my optimism, I direct you to Eisley's debut full-length album *Room Noises*, released earlier this month on Warner Bros. Records.

Bit o' trivia to wow your friends and help move this review forward: Before signing on with Warner Bros. in February 2003, Eisley went by their full name "Moss Eisley," an homage to the *Star Wars* spaceport of the same name, albeit sans an "s." In order to avoid the legal wrath of George Lucas, WB record executives and their judicious lawyers suggested a slight name change. A wise choice, particularly since a British band also goes by the name Mos Eisley.

The five members of Eisley form a rather close-knit band, comprised of the three DuPree sisters -- Chauntelle, Sherri and Stacy -- their brother Weston and close friend Jonathan Wilson. Sherri and Stacy fill roles as lead vocalists as well as lead guitarist and keyboardist respectively.

Their haunting, angelic voices come across as a mix between the jaded croon of

Rilo Kiley's Jenny Lewis and the soothing lilt of the Rocking Horse Winner's Jolie Lindholm. It's a stirring, potent concoction, especially when combined with Eisley's quality instrumental work.

Along with Wilson's calm and steady bass lines, Weston's percussion creates a solid back-beat for Sherri and Chauntelle's layered, occasionally folksy guitar work. Stacy's keys are catchy but remain subdued throughout.

Overall, Eisley sounds like the Arcade Fire but with greater vocal range, fewer instruments and less intensity from the rhythm section.

As for Eisley's new album, *Room Noises* is one of those quality niche releases that one would expect from a staple independent label like Saddle Creek, Sub Pop or maybe even Barsuk.

That being said, kudos to Warner Bros. for snagging another great band to their ever-improving roster (which currently includes the Flaming Lips and the Von Bondies). Given Warner Bros.' track record for exposing new bands via their prime-time teen melodramas, the odds are good that Eisley will be getting quite a bit of television publicity in the near future.

Back on topic, *Room Noises* is good -- somewhat sad but *really* good, maybe even fantastic. "Memories," the first song on the album, starts off slowly with Stacy's vocals

"Eisley is most certainly a band to watch out for in 2005."

-Tom Korb



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Four siblings DuPree and close friend Jonathan Wilson make up Eisley, a band that toured with Coldplay before even releasing their first album.

and keys, eventually turning to back-and-forth lyrics between Sherri and her sister, who assume the personas of a separated husband and wife.

"Telescope Eyes," Eisley's current music video *du jour*, follows suite with themes of childhood cruelty and unrequited love: "I'm just like you; I know you know / I'm just like you; so leave me alone / ... You're just not near enough like me / With your telescope eyes, metal teeth / I can't be seen with you; you see."

"Marvelous Things" takes first prize as my favorite song on *Room Noises*, mostly for Sherri and Stacy's beautiful vocal hooks. I had heard "Marvelous Things" some time

before, but I never made the connection to Eisley. Hearing it again was like finding a lost photograph tucked into the seams of a long-shelved book: an unexpected and elating resurgence of happy memories.

On a less subjective note, Eisley plays the mimic in a handful of songs. Strong hints of Rilo Kiley crop up in "My Lovely," while "Plenty of Paper" shows traces of dance-friendly indie-pop à la the Features or the Walkmen. Then again, that could just be me projecting. Regardless, *Room Noises* is an excellent first release, and Eisley is most certainly a band to watch out for in 2005.

If you're interested, you can check them out through CDigix.

JASON LAM'S LATEST PICKS



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Cedric Bixler Zavala (left) and Omar Rodriguez Lopez are the minds behind the more inventive of the At the Drive-in spinoffs, the Mars Volta.

The Mars Volta

Location: El Paso, Texas / Los Angeles, Calif.

Label: Universal/Strummer

Jazz-fusion, punk and psychedelic rock. Those are the genres that meld together and form the sound heard on the Mars Volta's debut album, *De-Loused in the Comatorium*. Featuring former members of At the Drive-In and Long Beach Dub All-Stars, TMV is known for its energetic (and often mesmerizing) live shows. They garnered plenty of industry hype purely from word of mouth and were ultimately signed to Universal. After losing member Jeremy Michael Ward from a drug overdose in May 2003, the band bounced back with a European tour with the Red Hot Chili Peppers. They are slated to release their second full-length, titled *Frances The Mute*, on March 22. Red Hot Chili Pepper Flea plays trumpet on the record and John Frusciante lends his guitar skills. Their current single, "The Widow," can be seen on college campuses across the nation via MTVU.

Gratitude

Location: San Francisco

Label: Atlantic Records

Some people make music for the girls, some for the lifestyle, and then there are people who really just make music because it flows through their veins. Gratitude singer Jonah Matranga falls hard in the latter group. The former FAR frontman has been touring as OneLineDrawing (as a solo artist) for the past three years. After hooking up with ex-Crumb guitarist Mark Weinberg in early 2003, the two songwriters began working on their debut album, which is scheduled to be released March 8. Having just come off a tour with Jimmy Eat World, Gratitude has also gained significant airtime from MTV2 and Fuse. Their self-titled album is filled with a very self-assured sincerity that could certainly be considered amiss in the current state of music.

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Romance takes a healthy beating in *Hitch*

By KEVIN DUGAN
MOVIE CRITIC

What happens when slapstick is involved in a movie? Well almost always someone in the movie ends up getting hurt. In the case of *Hitch*, it was the moviegoer who has to deal with the painful scenes of the movie and leave feeling as if they had somehow been assaulted.

Physical humor is perfected in contemporary movies like the Farrelly Brothers' *Dumb and Dumber* or in Mel Brooks' films like *Spaceballs* or *Blazing Saddles*. These movies prove that slapstick can be successful while even including a

light romance -- like the laughable one found in *Dumb and Dumber*.

In *Hitch*, however, it is not just a light romance. It is a full blown *When Harry Met Sally* meets *Casablanca* meets *Gigli*. *Hitch* aims high and tries planting lessons of love and romance in the film, but in the end is bogged down by simple humor.

Imagine the famous scene at the airport in *Casablanca* where Rick says to Ilsa, "Here's looking at you kid," and then imagine her kicking him in the nuts for no reason. That would be a good way to summarize what happens in *Hitch*.

The gist of the movie plot is that Alex Hitchens (Will Smith) is the "Date Doctor" and knows all about how to create opportunities for a guy to begin dating the girl of his dreams. Hitch begins working on his hardest case yet with his awkward client Albert (Kevin James) while he also starts wooing his own dream girl, Sara (Eva Mendes).

It turns out that Sara happens to be the gossip columnist for a paper, which is following the budding relationship between Albert and his new celebrity love, and she uncovers that Hitch is the infamous "Date Doctor." She freaks out, and Hitch decides that he must woo her back.

Overall the actors in *Hitch* are never really given a chance to shine. Smith has done very well in past roles, *Shark Tale* aside. He could do very well in future romantic movies as well, but in *Hitch* he is just too silly to be useful. James, the hilarious standup performer and star of TV's "The King of Queens," also could have performed better had he actually been allowed to use any real jokes.



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Will Smith and Kevin James confer after finding out that they only received three of seven Dugans for their movie *Hitch*. The film topped the box office this past weekend.

Instead, James is left as the butt of every tumble, slip and back waxing and the victim of having to be the clumsy fool in a slapstick movie.

The only thing more awkward than Kevin James' character is the movie itself. There is nothing worse than when a young movie has a case of genre-confusion. Am I slapstick, or am I romantic? It turns out for *Hitch* that it is too little of either to be much of anything at all.

While there are some good quick jolts of laughing in funny spots, the movie has a hard time sticking in serious romantic scenes between the jovial kicks to the face and allergic reactions.

Despite there being no room to include sappy romance in *Hitch*, they decided to

shove some in anyway, adding some pitiful education in the school of love. Love, apparently, is what you feel after three dates with someone you hardly know through deceitful guidance taken from some random guy you just met on the street. And here I was thinking that love is the most deep and inexplicable emotion felt by a human being. What a moron I must be.

In the end any humor to be found in *Hitch* is spoiled by the annoyance of finding love where it does not belong. The movie might not make a horrible date for you and your valentine, but keep in mind not to look into the insights of the movie for any relationship advice.

Hitch escapes with mercy, getting three out of seven on the Dugan scale.

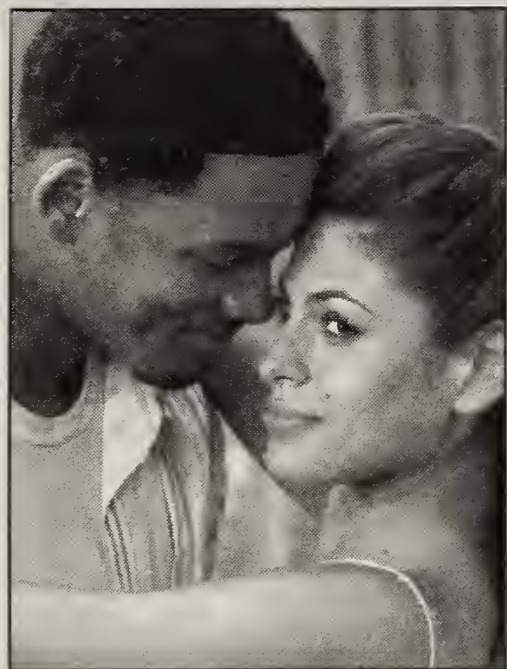


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Will Smith, here with Eva Mendes, makes the transition from action star to romantic leading man in *Hitch*.

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Hounds win three in a row

By TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

With a pair of victories last week, first a 68-65 win over Siena on Thursday and then a 73-64 drubbing of visiting Iona Saturday, Loyola's men's basketball team has earned their first three-game win streak of the new millennium.

The Gaels came to "The Track" on Saturday sporting a 15-point win over MAAC-leading Niagara, but Loyola head coach Jimmy Patsos and his squad countered with momentum of their own, playing Iona evenly through the first period. Senior forward Bernard Allen helped establish the Hounds early with a good effort on the offensive glass and got Loyola on the board with his fifth three-pointer of the season.

Freshman forward Freddie Stanback answered an Iona run with a three of his own, and junior guard Charlie Bell put the Hounds up 18-14 with 11:30 remaining in the half as each team sunk back into a zone defense that slowed the pace of the game down.

"This game was a confidence booster," said Stanback, who finished with 15 points and eight rebounds. "We came in with confidence, but it's always important that we stay tough at the end of games."

Freshman guard Greg Manning provided the spark when he came on to deliver a big three-point shot

at the five-minute mark of the first half. Substituting in about 30 seconds earlier, Manning trailed sophomore Shane James on the fast break and then popped out in perfect position for an open shot.

Despite the energetic first half, turnovers allowed the Gaels to take a 36-34 lead into the break. The Hounds charged back, however, using an 18-4 run to speed past Iona. Three Brad Farrell lay-ups and a number of backdoor cuts by James, Stanback and Allen left Iona head coach Jeff Ruland and his staff puzzled.

"At halftime I just told them again 'Why do we have to lose?'" Patsos said. "They looked at me and said that they were here to win, so the credit really goes to the kids."

In order to get their sixth win on the season, the most any Loyola player had won since becoming a Greyhound, the Hounds had to hold off a strong Iona charge that cut the gap to 63-55 with 3:51 to play. Guard Marvin McCullough capped the charge with his only three of the day, and forward Greg Jenkins asserted his presence under the basket. Jenkins finished with 22 points and eight rebounds.

"That was our goal, to play Jenkins tough and limit the rest of their scorers, and it was Brad Farrell's defense that limited [Iona guard Steve] Burt today," Patsos said of the senior that scored 28 points the first time to the two



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Freshman Greg Manning takes a pass from sophomore Shane James before his three-pointer gives the Hounds a 30-27 lead late in the first half of Saturday's win over Iona.

teams met.

James, Allen, Bell and Stanback all helped to secure the lead down the stretch, shooting eight of 10 from the free throw line and helping to shake Loyola's free-throw woes.

James was the leading scorer on the day for the Hounds, pouring in 19 while dishing out six assists.

With the win, the Hounds advanced to 6-17 overall, 5-9 in the MAAC and in good position to challenge Manhattan for the eight seed in the MAAC tournament. Loyola turned back the Jaspers 77-70 two weeks ago at "The Track."

The Hounds travel to Manhattan on Wednesday and then to Canisius on Sunday in the second-to-last week of the regular season.

In Thursday's matchup of the MAAC's ninth- and 10-placed teams, Loyola eked out a victory in Albany, N.Y. when guard Tay Fisher's three-pointer to tie was too late. Setting up the dramatic finish was Farrell, who hit two free-throws with less than five seconds remaining to give Siena only a chance to tie.

Leading the way for the Hounds was senior center Sean Corrigan,

who dropped in a career-high 27 points and brought down five boards.

"I need to give a lot of credit to my teammates for getting me the ball and my friends who drove up from home to watch me play," Corrigan said.

While the victory over Siena was a big win for the Hounds, they suffered a rough loss when junior guard Linton Hinds rolled his ankle late in the second half. Hinds finished out the game but was held out against Iona. He is expected to play Wednesday.

Greyhounds' slide rises to six, fall to SPC and Marist

By BRADY FITZGERALD
STAFF WRITER

The Greyhounds returned home Saturday afternoon eager to end their five-game losing streak. However, things would not get any better as the Greyhounds fell to Marist, the top team in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, 49-40, at Reitz Arena in a game that was televised on MAAC-TV.

The first half was a defensive

battle as both teams had an off night from the floor combining to shoot just 26 percent from the floor. After the Greyhounds held Marist scoreless for the final three minutes of play, a late basket by junior guard Krystle Harrington tied the game as the half ended, 18-18.

The Red Foxes came out strong in the second half, going on a 13-2 run through the first eight minutes of the period. The Greyhounds

stayed in the game, but solid free throw shooting late helped the Red Foxes leave the Evergreen campus with a 49-40 victory. The Greyhounds' offensive struggles continued through the second half, as Loyola shot only 30 percent from the field and 36.4 percent from the free throw line for the game.

Junior forward Katie Scherle, last week's MAAC co-Player of the Week, led the Greyhounds

with 14 points and nine rebounds. Krystle Harrington added 12 points and a team-high four assists. The Red Foxes were led by junior forward Fifi Camara, who scored 17 points and posted 10 rebounds.

The win marks Marist's 11th straight and improves their record to 17-6 overall and 11-3 in conference play.

"We hung in there in the second half, but we were missing too many easy shots, including free throws," said Loyola head coach Candy Cage. "We learned that we can play with the best team in the league, who has Fifi Camara, the best player in the league. We just need to get a win and end this skid. I hope this doesn't affect our confidence for the rest of the season."

Thursday evening the Greyhounds traveled to Jersey City, N.J. to face St. Peter's. The Greyhounds defeated the Peahens 79-69 earlier this season but were not as fortunate the second time around, losing 67-53.

The Greyhounds set the mold for Saturday's game on Wednesday, as again they played strong defensively late in the first half, holding the Peahens without a field goal in the final 2:36. However, the Peahens hit two free throws in the final seconds to take a 30-27 lead into the locker room at

half.

The Peahens stormed out to an 11-1 run to start the half. St. Peter's never looked back as they went on to the 14 point win. The Greyhounds struggled again offensively, this time shooting only 33.9 percent from the field.

Junior forwards Jackie Valderas and Lauren Troupe led the Greyhounds with 12 points each. Sophomore Jill Glessner had a solid game posting a game-high 10 rebounds while contributing five points. The Peahens were led by guard Tiffany Jones who scored 14 points and added six rebounds.

With the win, St. Peter's improved to 9-13 on the year overall and 5-8 in the MAAC.

"We've had injury problems all year," Cage said of the Greyhounds' recent woes. "Katie Scherle has had problems with her knees; Krystle Harrington's been hurt; Jill Glessner broke her hand. That's three starters down. It's tough to get things going when key players aren't healthy."

The Greyhounds, who were the coaches' preseason pick to win the MAAC, have lost six straight and are 7-16 overall and 6-8 in conference play.

The Greyhounds play host to Manhattan this Friday night at 7 p.m. and have their final home game of the season this Sunday at 2 p.m. against Iona.



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Junior forward Jackie Valderas tries to shoot over a pair of Marist defenders in Saturday's 49-40 loss at Reitz Arena.

Women's track bursts out of blocks at UDel

By BOB HINKEY
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola College women's track team was in action this past weekend in Newark, Del., and the Hounds scored 24 points to finish seventh out of nine teams against some stiff competition from schools such as Temple, Lehigh, and Towson.

Running at the Thomson Invitational hosted by the University of Delaware, the finish was impressive considering that the team was shorthanded and running for the fourth time in an indoor meet in the Hounds' first season of indoor track.

The team got some strong individual efforts, especially from their distance runners. Sophomore Andrea Rovegno posted a solid time of 10:14.90 in the 3000-meter run and captured second place in that event. On the common 10-point scoring system, that finish was good for eight team points. Sophomore Bethany Gentry's time of 5:46.76 in the mile run was her personal best.

Senior Jackie Truncellito took second place in the 5000-meter run by running an 18:53.30 in that event. Her victory scored another eight points for the team. Sophomore Sarah Spencer also finished strong in that event, posting a time of 20:15.20, which was good for a fifth place finish and two points.

The team got their other six points by finishing third in the distance medley event.

Their time for the event was 13:40.10. Overall, the team was pleased with their performance, especially since this is the first year they are competing in indoor competition.

"I think the team as a whole did really well, especially since we were having a hard time getting people for the meet, and were facing some strong competition," Rovegno said. "I think we accomplished a lot as a team."

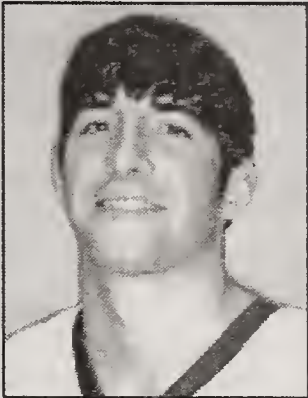
Loyola will be back in action next week, as they travel to the Armory in New York City for the MAAC indoor championships. The event will be all day Friday. Loyola hopes it can deliver a strong performance to set the momentum for the team's spring season.

"The MAAC championships are next week, and we hope to do well there and get ourselves ready for spring track," Rovegno said.

The spring track season will only be the team's second. The team is looking to make long strides by building on what was a successful inaugural season last year. Rovegno and Truncellito will be the anchors of the team. Gentry should also be a strong member of the team as she was last year. Loyola should get contributions from the rest of the team as well.

The first spring meet is the VCU invitation on March 18. Loyola had a solid performance there last year and hopes to give an even better one.

THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior
Sean Corrigan

Corrigan's career-high 27 points led the Hounds Wednesday in Albany, N.Y., as Loyola topped Siena 68-65 for their fifth win of the season, first win on the road in 39 games and, coupled with a 77-70 win over Manhattan, first win in consecutive games in the new millennium. Corrigan went 10-16 from the floor and 3-6 from three-point range, working on the advice of Loyola head coach Jimmy Patsos to "shoot more."


Two days later, Corrigan parlayed his new attitude into only four points, but he remained a legitimate offensive threat while focusing his energy against Iona's dangerous big man, Greg Jenkins.

Corrigan is averaging five points and two rebounds per game off the bench for Patsos, but has been playing better as of late. His 35.9 percentage from beyond the arc is good for third on the team.

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Men's Basketball									
MAAC					Overall				
Team	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak	
Niagara	11	4	.733	-	16	7	.696	Won 1	
Rider	10	4	.714	.5	14	9	.609	Won 1	
Farfield	9	5	.643	1	12	11	.522	Lost 1	
Marist	7	7	.500	3.5	10	13	.435	Lost 6	
Iona	7	7	.500	3.5	11	13	.458	Lost 1	
Manhattan	7	8	.467	4	12	11	.522	Won 2	
St. Peter's	6	7	.462	4	11	11	.500	Lost 2	
Canisius	6	8	.428	4.5	8	15	.348	Won 2	
LOYOLA	5	9	.357	5.5	6	17	.261	Won 3	
Siena	2	11	.154	8	4	20	.167	Lost 3	

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Women's Basketball

MAAC

Overall

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Marist	11	3	.786	-	17	6	.739	Won 11
Canisius	11	3	.786	-	15	8	.652	Won 5
Niagara	9	5	.643	2	14	9	.609	Won 2
Siena	8	6	.571	3	11	12	.478	Lost 2
Fairfield	7	7	.500	4	9	14	.391	Won 2
LOYOLA	6	8	.429	5	7	16	.304	Lost 6
Manhattan	6	8	.429	5	10	13	.435	Won 1
Rider	5	8	.385	5.5	7	16	.304	Lost 3
St. Peter's	5	9	.357	6	9	14	.391	Lost 1
Iona	2	12	.167	9	4	19	.174	Lost 2

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Rivalry Week to the rescue of February lull

Since last week I established that February is the black hole of sports, I must apologize to all of you NHL lovers, X Games fans and the rest of the bowling fan base. I also have to come out and say that I made a

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mistake, because there is one week in February that is the light to this dark abyss, and that my friends is "Rivalry Week."

Sports competition is "tick-tick" enhanced by rivalry. It has transcended beyond sports as well. There are many classic rivalries in history: David and Goliath, Pat Sajak and Alex Trebek, Batman and Joker, Bayside and Valley, Pepsi and Coke. We could argue over all these matchups for hours, although we all know that Coke is all of our favorites considering we have Pepsi overpowering our white blood cells now due to Primo's and Boulder.

In case any of you who are reading this column don't know what "Rivalry Week" is and are just looking at this page to admire my hot mug shot, then here is the tick-tock.

"Rivalry Week" is the most exciting week in college basketball. The top programs in the nation play their ultimate rivals and to say the least, it gets intense. More intense than the Scrabble game you played against your parents over break that you didn't want to tell your roommates about because you were too embarrassed. It's OK, we've all done it.

This "Rivalry Week" was one to remember. There were 16 of the nation's top 25 teams playing against their school's biggest rivals, and it all got kicked off on Big Monday with a big upset at the big hands of the UConn Huskies defeating a predicted Final Four team in Syracuse. Not to mention that the win came in the hazardous confines of the Carrier Dome.

Golden Eagles versus Fighting Irish, Cowboys versus Sooners, Gators versus Wildcats, Gonzaga's mascot versus whatever Pepperdine says their nickname

is. Anyway, these are primetime matchups no matter how ugly or farfetched your mascot is. As I check my calendar (yep, you guessed it, it's a Brooke Burke one), I see that we are just 34 days away from when the first round of the greatest month of my life begins, and the task of going to class ends: "March Madness."

Now looking back on the thrilling NCAA Tournament last year and this week's exciting games, you will see that of the 26 teams that played in this Big Week of Hatred, 18 of them made it to the Big Dance in '04. Try and tell me that this week was not oasis in February's sports desert.

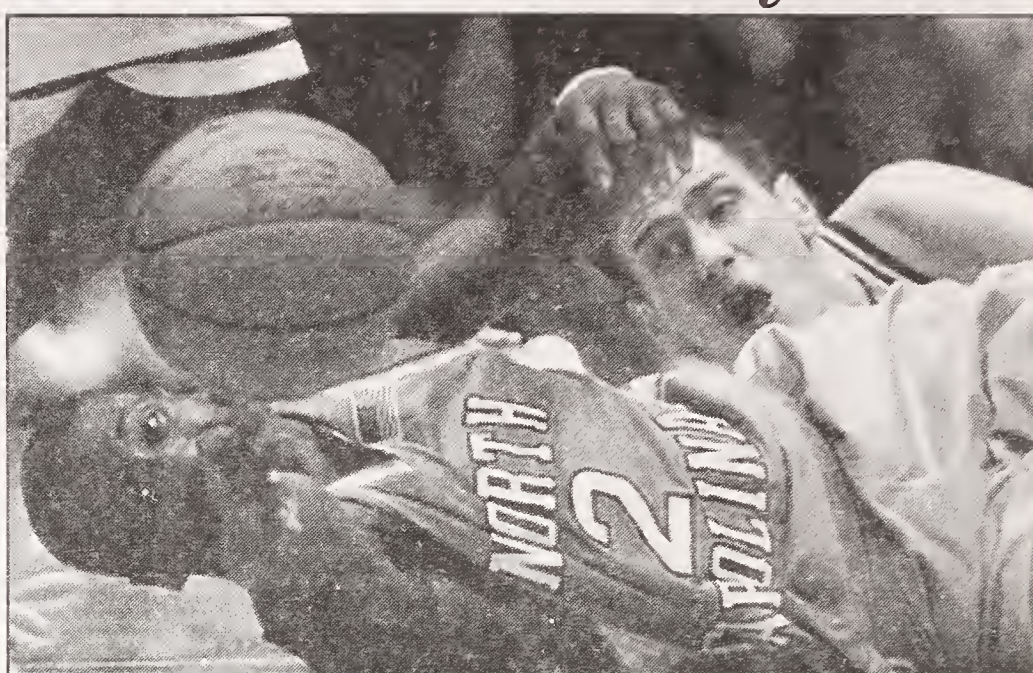
The 74-66 win by Connecticut was a forecast to the rest of the week for upsets and extremely close games. After 13 of the biggest rivalry games were played, the average margin of victory was a mere eight points. Just think: if your team didn't turn the ball over those two or three times, or maybe hit a couple more free throws, your team would be the one charging the court.

Two student sections were on their way to hopping on the hardwood Tuesday, but only Notre Dame got the chance, while Michigan fans went to class on Wednesday. BC and Illinois came into the week as the only two undefeated teams in the land, and after a clutch prediction by Digger Phelps, Norte Dame beat the Beantown Birds of BC by three in dramatic fashion.

Not to say that Illinois had a great game either. Being down eight points in the second half and going about 12 minutes without a field goal, they clawed their way back to take the lead and to take the lone undefeated and best team in the nation.

I have said it once, and I will say it again: rivalries are what make sports so thrilling. Whether you're the No. 1 in the nation or have one win on the season, no matter your rank or your record, if your rival steps on the court, it is anyone's game. This week showed that with three unranked teams beating Top 25 teams.

I have surrounded myself with some of athletics strongest rivalries: Sox-Yanks, Pats-Jets, Celtics-Lakers and my non-hometown favorite, the Carolina Tar Heels-Duke Blue Devils. Yep, laugh all you Coach



PATRICK SCHNEIDER/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Carolina's Raymond Felton battles Duke's Lee Melchionni for a loose ball in last Wednesday's Tobacco Road matchup.

K lovers and Cameron Crazies, I made it this far through my column without talking about my boys in baby blue.

If any of you (you know, the ones who were just staring at my great picture and perhaps reading this column) weren't awake Wednesday or were just mentally incapable of hearing either my deathly screams after time ran out in Durham or the cheering of unfortunate Duke fans across campus, this is what went down. The North Carolina Tar Heels lost by one in the final seconds to rival Duke in the 233rd all-time meeting.

The great thing about this classic rivalry is that this feud cannot be matched but only looked up to by all other sports teams. These two teams are separated by eight miles of green from Durham to Chapel Hill and two grades of blue. Yes, it's a typical cheesy line that they use around this time, but what's not cheesy is how it is the greatest rivalry in all sports.

The thing that stings with the Devils of Duke is how they have a reputation of winning. Everyone loves hating good teams, and that is why most teams love considering Duke their true rival. For example, last year when Maryland went down to Krzyzewskiville to play Duke, Coach K's team blew the Terps out of the stadium, and

the Cameron Crazies proceeded to chant, "Not Our Rivals!" a suitable hymn for the Crazies. This rivalry seeps through the pauses in the glorified songs of Duke, when the unranked 2005 Maryland team went back down to play No. 3 Duke and handed them their first loss of the season with the chants from the Crazies silenced.

Then just this Saturday, the "Fear The Turtle" motto were the nicest three words heard out of the Comcast Center after the Terps scrapped out a win over eighth-ranked Duke at College Park in overtime. A team that is unranked sweeps the regular season against one of the best teams in the nation (as well as the ACC final last year, making it three straight). To say the least, Gary Williams and his Terrapins have figured out how to snap away at the Blue Devils. That's rivalry and heart to a "T" and that is why college basketball gives me chills.

"Rivalry Week" was buzzing this week and the nation was on edge; that is why it's so gripping. "Rivalry Week" is our quick taste of ecstasy before we get the whole meal in March. This is no "Jeopardy" or "Wheel of Fortune" with cash prizes. This week was about dignity, respect and hatred of your opponent but mostly, your love of the game. See ya in March, Dukies.

A new kind of 'roid rage; star sluggers taint baseball

In a strange scene at Yankee stadium last Thursday, Jason Giambi apologized for... um, well... stuff he can't say. Now, Giambi may deserve the benefit of the doubt that he couldn't say that he was taking steroids --although he did lie to us for years-- since

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he did tell the truth to a grand jury and he might be legally bound not to open his mouth for fear of being stoned.

Surrounding the condemned man was Yankees manager Joe Torre, who had one of those "I should have been a farmer" looks on his face, and general manager Brian Cashman, who appeared to be calculating the cost of dumping this cancer on the spot. Wednesday was a dark day for the crumpling Yankee Empire and an end to the "classy" label that was the trademark of the Martinez-Jeter era of the late '90s.

As the dark clouds over the Bronx are swirling, the outlook for baseball is getting better. With a new steroid policy and players facing the fans, the game is regaining its legitimacy. But the game will never recover from the damage done by these cheaters.

This steroid problem makes me so angry

that I forget I am paying \$8.50 at Primo's for chicken tenders, fries and a Coke. Just think, according to Giambi's grand jury testimony, he took steroids through the 2003 season, which means those two home runs he hit in Game Seven of the 2003 ALCS against Boston were steroid-enhanced, and considering the Yankees won the game by one in the 11th inning, how legitimate is that win?

To further this example, suppose back in 2001, it came out that Adam Vinatieri was taking the juice, how legitimate would their Super Bowl be? Considering Vinatieri made two game-winning field goals in the playoffs, people in Oakland and St. Louis would be demanding his head and the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Now I am not advocating an NCAA-style move of forfeiting games by the Yankees, but just think of the damage that these guys have wrought. Imagine you are a Red Sox fan in 2003 and you paid \$500 for seats for Game Seven in New York, and you learn that the money you paid was spent on a sham.

Or what if you paid \$25 to see Bonds at Camden Yards last year, thinking you were watching history, but instead you saw a fraud? Now think of poor Henry Aaron, whose legitimate home run record is in danger of being Barry's. Angry yet?

But what are such teams supposed to do with these doped-up players? The Giants have immersed themselves into the Barry Bonds home run rush, but they have failed

to see the negative effect that this scandal has had on them or the sport. As is the unfortunate and unfair stereotype of American business as "money over morals" seems to control the front office.

Then there are the Yankees, the team that everyone loves to hate. We hated them for winning, for buying talent but never because the team was anything other than classy and professional. When a player gets to New York, he is expected to cut his hair and shave his beard. Players like Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Bernie Williams and Tino Martinez played America's game with class and won their championships with pride and honor befitting the great tradition of New York City and the Yankees.

However, falling short of a world title four consecutive years does something to these rules, especially with the Big Man in charge. I expected the Yankees to take the hit and cut Giambi, not just because he wasn't producing but because he tarnished the pinstripes. I understand that because of the contract (which allegedly had the steroid clause dropped from it) are stuck paying him \$82 million over the next four seasons.

But these are the Yankees; they are the wealthiest franchise in sports and a team that is more than happy to eat contracts; yet they chose to keep him on. These aren't your dad's Yankees anymore. The Yankees are not the only ones to blame as Major League Baseball and the Players Association did nothing to compensate the

Yankees or allow them to drop the contract without paying it in its entirety.

Sport has always had a problem with cheating, from the Black Sox throwing the 1919 World Series, the Boston College basketball team shaving points in the '80s and Gaylord Perry filing down his curveballs. Football had a large steroid problem in the '70s and '80s, which took a harsh policy to clean up.

But baseball is baseball; it might have fallen behind football in contemporary popularity, but it is still America's pastime. The home run records are something that catapults people to mythical heights; Maris, Aaron and now McGwire are all heroes in American culture. But that won't be the case for Bonds, who, alongside Giambi, will go down in history as one of the biggest cheats in the game.

History will look at Bonds as the home run champion with the steroid scandal. Not even Major League Baseball, who canceled a promotion with MasterCard that was going to count down the home runs to the all-time record, sees what Bonds is doing as something to be celebrated. Canceling a promotion is one thing, but the league needs to protect its most cherished record.

If Bonds does break Aaron's 755, the asterisk that cursed Maris for so many years should be applied, with the sub-note saying "steroid enhanced." Hopefully Bonds and Giambi will be booted out of baseball, but what are the real odds of that happening?

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